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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to marijuana, including the manufacture,
- delivery, and possession of marijuana, the licensure of
- 3 retail marijuana, and medical cannabis, providing fees,
- 4 including excise taxes, establishing funds, providing
- 5 penalties, and including effective date provisions.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Т	DIVISION I
2	MARIJUANA — CRIMINAL PENALTIES
3	Section 1. Section 124.401, subsection 1, unnumbered
4	paragraph 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
5	Except as authorized by this chapter or chapter 124E or
6	$\underline{\text{124F}}$, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, deliver, or
7	possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled
8	substance, a counterfeit substance, a simulated controlled
9	substance, or an imitation controlled substance, or to act
10	with, enter into a common scheme or design with, or conspire
11	with one or more other persons to manufacture, deliver, or
12	possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled
13	substance, a counterfeit substance, a simulated controlled
14	substance, or an imitation controlled substance.
15	Sec. 2. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph a,
16	subparagraph (6), Code 2023, is amended by striking the
17	subparagraph.
18	Sec. 3. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph b,
19	subparagraph (6), Code 2023, is amended by striking the
20	subparagraph.
21	Sec. 4. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph c,
22	subparagraph (5), Code 2023, is amended by striking the
23	subparagraph.
24	Sec. 5. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph c,
25	subparagraph (9), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
26	(9) Any other controlled substance, counterfeit substance,
27	simulated controlled substance, or imitation controlled
28	substance classified in schedule I, II, or III, except as
29	provided in paragraph " d'' , or in chapter 124E or 124F.
30	Sec. 6. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
31	2023, is amended to read as follows:
32	d. Violation of this subsection, with respect to any other
33	controlled substances, counterfeit substances, simulated
34	controlled substances, or imitation controlled substances
35	classified in schedule IV or V is an aggravated misdemeanor.

1 However, violation of this subsection involving fifty kilograms 2 or less of marijuana or involving flunitrazepam is a class "D" 3 felony. Section 124.401, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code Sec. 7. 5 2023, is amended to read as follows: b. If the controlled substance is marijuana, the punishment 7 shall be by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 8 six months or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, 9 or by both such fine and imprisonment for a first offense. If 10 the controlled substance is marijuana and the person has been 11 previously convicted of a violation of this subsection in which 12 the controlled substance was marijuana, the punishment shall be 13 as provided in section 903.1, subsection 1, paragraph "b". If 14 the controlled substance is marijuana and the person has been 15 previously convicted two or more times of a violation of this 16 subsection in which the controlled substance was marijuana, 17 the person is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. This 18 subsection does not apply to the possession of marijuana which 19 is punishable pursuant to chapter 124F. 20 Sec. 8. Section 124.401G, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 21 2023, is amended to read as follows: 22 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the 23 contrary, a person shall not be quilty of an offense under 24 this chapter, including under section 124.401 or 124.410, 25 for producing, possessing, using, harvesting, handling, 26 manufacturing, marketing, transporting, delivering, or 27 distributing the plant cannabis, if all of the following apply: Sec. 9. Section 124.407, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended 28 29 to read as follows: 30 2. a. Any person who violates this section and where the 31 controlled substance is any one a controlled substance other 32 than marijuana is guilty of a class "D" felony.

35 misdemeanor.

33 b. Any person who violates this section, and where the 34 controlled substance is marijuana only, is guilty of a serious

- 1 Sec. 10. Section 124.411, subsection 2, Code 2023, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- For purposes of this section, an offense is considered
- 4 a second or subsequent offense, if, prior to the person's
- 5 having been convicted of the offense, the offender has ever
- 6 been convicted under this chapter or under any state or federal
- 7 statute relating to narcotic drugs or cocaine, marijuana,
- 8 depressant, stimulant, or hallucinogenic drugs.
- 9 Sec. 11. Section 124.413, subsection 2, Code 2023, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 2. This section shall not apply if:
- 12 a. The offense is found to be an accommodation pursuant to
- 13 section 124.410; or
- 14 b. The the controlled substance is marijuana.
- 15 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 124F.1 Definitions.
- 16 As used in this subchapter:
- 17 1. "Counterfeit substance" means the same as defined in
- 18 section 124.101.
- 19 2. "Imitation controlled substance" means the same as
- 20 defined in section 124.101.
- 3. "Marijuana" means the same as defined in section 124.101,
- 22 and includes a counterfeit substance, imitation controlled
- 23 substance, or simulated controlled substance containing a
- 24 detectable amount of marijuana.
- 25 4. "Simulated controlled substance" means the same as
- 26 defined in section 124.101.
- 27 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 124F.2 Marijuana penalties.
- 28 1. a. Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter and
- 29 chapter 124E, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture,
- 30 deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver
- 31 marijuana, or to act with, enter into a common scheme or
- 32 design with, or conspire with one or more other persons to
- 33 manufacture, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture
- 34 or deliver marijuana. A violation of this subsection involving
- 35 the following amounts of marijuana shall be punishable as

1 follows:

- 2 (1) More than fifty kilograms shall be a class "C" felony.
- 3 (2) More than two kilograms but not more than fifty
- 4 kilograms shall be a class "D" felony.
- 5 (3) More than twelve ounces but not more than two kilograms
- 6 shall be an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 7 (4) More than four ounces but not more than twelve ounces
- 8 shall be punishable as a serious misdemeanor.
- 9 (5) Four ounces or less shall be punishable as a simple
- 10 misdemeanor, except as provided in section 124F.3.
- 11 b. In addition to any other penalties provided in this
- 12 subsection, a person who is eighteen years of age or older
- 13 who unlawfully manufactures with the intent to distribute,
- 14 distributes, or possesses with the intent to distribute
- 15 marijuana to another person who is eighteen years of age or
- 16 older in or on, or within one thousand feet of, the real
- 17 property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary
- 18 school, public park, public swimming pool, public recreation
- 19 center, or on a marked school bus, may be sentenced up to an
- 20 additional term of confinement of five years.
- 21 2. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally
- 22 to possess marijuana unless such substance was obtained
- 23 directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of
- 24 a practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's
- 25 professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by
- 26 this subsection. A violation of this subsection involving
- 27 the possession of the following amounts of marijuana shall be
- 28 punishable as follows:
- 29 a. More than six ounces but not more than twelve ounces is
- 30 a serious misdemeanor.
- 31 b. More than one-half ounce but not more than six ounces is
- 32 a simple misdemeanor.
- 33 c. One-half ounce or less is not a criminal offense but
- 34 shall be assessed as a civil penalty in the amount of one
- 35 hundred dollars, except if the person is under twenty-one years

- 1 of age, the person shall complete a drug awareness program and
- 2 ten hours of unpaid community service, and shall notify the
- 3 person's parents or legal guardian.
- 4 (1) The civil penalty shall be collected by the clerk of the
- 5 district court pursuant to section 602.8105, subsection 5.
- 6 (2) Any records relating to the civil penalty shall not
- 7 be displayed for public viewing on the Iowa court information
- 8 system.
- 9 (3) Any records relating to the civil penalty shall not
- 10 be kept in the criminal history data files maintained by the
- 11 department of public safety. Any records relating to the civil
- 12 penalty shall not be disseminated to other criminal or juvenile
- 13 justice agencies.
- 14 3. a. A retail marijuana store shall not sell retail
- 15 marijuana in excess of the following amounts in a single
- 16 transaction:
- 17 (1) Thirty grams of marijuana flower.
- 18 (2) Five hundred milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol
- 19 contained in a product infused with marijuana.
- 20 b. A person shall not possess more than five ounces of
- 21 marijuana flower.
- 22 c. A person in possession of retail marijuana in excess of
- 23 the amounts specified in paragraph "a" equivalent to the amounts
- 24 specified in subsection 2, shall be subject to the penalties in
- 25 subsection 2.
- 26 d. A retail marijuana store in violation of this subsection
- 27 shall be subject to licensee discipline pursuant to section
- 28 124F.16.
- 29 e. For purposes of this subsection, "retail marijuana" and
- 30 "retail marijuana store" mean the same as defined in section
- 31 124F.4.
- 32 4. a. Upon the expiration of two years following a
- 33 conviction for a violation of subsection 2, paragraph "a" or
- 34 "b", a person may petition the court to expunge the conviction,
- 35 and if the person has had no other criminal convictions, other

- 1 than local traffic violations or simple misdemeanor violations
- 2 of chapter 321 during the two-year period, the conviction
- 3 shall be expunged as a matter of law. The court shall enter
- 4 an order that the record of the conviction be expunged by the
- 5 clerk of the district court. Notwithstanding section 692.2,
- 6 after receipt of notice from the clerk of the district court
- 7 that a record of conviction has been expunged pursuant to this
- 8 subsection, the record of conviction shall be removed from the
- 9 criminal history data files maintained by the department of
- 10 public safety.
- 11 b. On the effective date of this Act, each court shall
- 12 review its records to identify persons who have been convicted
- 13 of an offense based on conduct allowed under this Act. Each
- 14 such conviction shall be expunged as a matter of law as
- 15 provided in paragraph "a".
- 16 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 124F.3 Juvenile offenses.
- 17 The juvenile court shall have exclusive original
- 18 jurisdiction in a proceeding concerning a minor who is alleged
- 19 to have committed a violation of this subchapter.
- 20 Sec. 15. NEW SECTION. 321.284B Marijuana in motor vehicles.
- 21 1. A driver of a motor vehicle upon a public street or
- 22 highway shall not use marijuana in the passenger area of the
- 23 motor vehicle. "Passenger area" means the area designed to
- 24 seat the driver and passengers while the motor vehicle is in
- 25 operation and any area that is readily accessible to the driver
- 26 or a passenger while in their seating positions, including the
- 27 glove compartment.
- 28 2. A driver or passenger of or in a motor vehicle upon a
- 29 public street or highway shall not possess marijuana in the
- 30 passenger area of a motor vehicle except in a sealed, odor
- 31 proof, child resistant container.
- 32 3. For the purposes of this section, "marijuana" means the
- 33 same as defined in section 124.401.
- 34 4. A person who knowingly violates a provision of this
- 35 section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

- 1 Sec. 16. Section 321J.2, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
- 2 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 c. While Except as provided in section 321J.2C, any amount
- 4 of a controlled substance is present in the person, as measured
- 5 in the person's blood or urine.
- 6 Sec. 17. NEW SECTION. 321J.2C Operating while under the
- 7 influence of marijuana.
- 8 l. A person shall not operate a motor vehicle in this state
- 9 while having fifty nanograms of tetrahydrocannabinol in the
- 10 person, as measured in the person's blood.
- 11 2. A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a serious
- 12 misdemeanor, punishable as follows:
- a. For a first offense, revocation of the person's driver's
- 14 license for a period of one hundred eighty days, except that if
- 15 the person refused to submit to chemical testing, the person's
- 16 driver's license shall be revoked for a period of one year.
- 17 b. For a second or subsequent offense, revocation of the
- 18 person's driver's license for a period of one year, except
- 19 that if the person refused to submit to chemical testing, the
- 20 person's driver's license shall be revoked for a period of two
- 21 years.
- Sec. 18. Section 602.8105, Code 2022, is amended by adding
- 23 the following new subsection:
- NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The clerk of the district court shall
- 25 collect the civil penalty assessed pursuant to section 124F.2,
- 26 subsection 2, paragraph c, subparagraph (1).
- 27 Sec. 19. NEW SECTION. 901C.4 Felony offenses related to
- 28 marijuana expungement.
- 29 1. In addition to the expungement provisions available
- 30 to a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor marijuana offense
- 31 under chapter 124, upon application of a defendant convicted
- 32 of a felony offense under chapter 124 in the county where the
- 33 conviction occurred, related to the possession or transfer of
- 34 marijuana, the court shall enter an order expunging the record
- 35 of such a criminal case.

- 2. A person shall be granted an expungement of a record
- 2 under this section one time in the person's lifetime. However,
- 3 the one application may request the expungement of records
- 4 relating to more than one nonviolent offense under this section
- 5 if the offenses arose from the same transaction or occurrence,
- 6 and the application contains the offenses to be expunded.
- 7 3. The expunged record under this section is a confidential
- 8 record exempt from public access under section 22.7 but shall
- 9 be made available by the clerk of the district court upon court 10 order.
- 11 4. Notwithstanding section 692.2, after receipt of
- 12 notice from the clerk of the district court that a record of
- 13 conviction has been expunded under subsection 1, the record
- 14 of conviction shall be removed from the criminal history data
- 15 files maintained by the department of public safety if such a
- 16 record was maintained in the criminal history data files.
- 17 5. The supreme court may prescribe rules governing the
- 18 procedures applicable to the expungement of a criminal case
- 19 under this section.
- 20 6. This section applies to a felony conviction that occurred
- 21 prior to January 1, 2024.
- 22 Sec. 20. REPEAL. Section 124.410, Code 2023, is repealed.
- 23 DIVISION II
- 24 RETAIL MARIJUANA
- 25 Sec. 21. NEW SECTION. 124F.4 Definitions.
- 26 For the purposes of this subchapter:
- 27 l. "Division" means the alcoholic beverages division of the
- 28 department of commerce.
- 29 2. "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant
- 30 that is no taller than eight inches and no wider than eight
- 31 inches, is produced from a cutting, clipping, or seedling, and
- 32 is in a cultivating container.
- 33 3. "License" means a license or registration issued pursuant
- 34 to this subchapter.
- 35 4. "Licensed premises" means the premises specified in an

- 1 application for a license under this subchapter, which are
- 2 owned or in possession of the licensee and within which the
- 3 licensee is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, distribute,
- 4 sell, or test retail marijuana and retail marijuana products in
- 5 accordance with this subchapter.
- 6 5. "Licensee" means a person licensed or registered pursuant
- 7 to this subchapter.
- 8 6. "Local jurisdiction" means a county.
- 9 7. "Local licensing authority" means, for any local
- 10 jurisdiction that has chosen to adopt a local licensing
- 11 requirement in addition to the state licensing requirements
- 12 of this subchapter, an authority designated by a municipal
- 13 or county ordinance, or resolution, or the governing body of
- 14 a municipality or county, or the board of commissioners of a
- 15 county if no such authority is designated.
- 16 8. "Location" means a particular parcel of land that may be
- 17 identified by an address or other descriptive means.
- 9. "Marijuana" means the same as defined in section 124.101.
- 19 10. "Marijuana accessories" means any equipment, products,
- 20 or materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or
- 21 designed for use in planting, cultivating, growing, harvesting,
- 22 composting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,
- 23 processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging,
- 24 repackaging, storing, vaporizing, or containing marijuana, or
- 25 for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana
- 26 into the human body.
- 27 11. "Person" means a natural person, partnership,
- 28 association, company, corporation, limited liability company,
- 29 or organization; except that "person" does not include any
- 30 governmental organization.
- 31 12. "Retail marijuana" means all parts of the plant of the
- 32 genus Cannabis, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof; the
- 33 resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound,
- 34 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the
- 35 plant, its seeds or resin, including marijuana concentrate.

- 1 "Retail marijuana" does not include industrial hemp, nor does
- 2 it include fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made
- 3 from the seeds of the plant, sterilized seeds of the plant
- 4 which are incapable of germination, or the weight of any other
- 5 ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral
- 6 administrations, food, drink, or other product.
- 7 13. "Retail marijuana cultivation facility" means an entity
- 8 licensed to cultivate, prepare, package, and sell marijuana to
- 9 retail marijuana stores, to marijuana product manufacturing
- 10 facilities, and to other marijuana cultivation facilities, but
- 11 not to consumers.
- 12 14. "Retail marijuana establishment" means a retail
- 13 marijuana store, a retail marijuana cultivation facility, or a
- 14 retail marijuana products manufacturer.
- 15. "Retail marijuana products" means concentrated marijuana
- 16 products and marijuana products that are comprised of marijuana
- 17 and other ingredients and are intended for use or consumption,
- 18 such as but not limited to edible products, ointments, and
- 19 tinctures.
- 20 16. "Retail marijuana products manufacturer" means an entity
- 21 licensed to purchase marijuana; manufacture, prepare, and
- 22 package marijuana products; and sell marijuana and marijuana
- 23 products to other marijuana product manufacturing facilities
- 24 and to retail marijuana stores, but not to consumers.
- 25 17. "Retail marijuana store" means an entity licensed
- 26 to purchase marijuana from marijuana cultivation facilities
- 27 and sell marijuana and to purchase marijuana products from
- 28 retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities and to sell
- 29 marijuana and marijuana products to consumers.
- 30 18. "Retail marijuana transporter" means an entity or person
- 31 licensed to transport retail marijuana and retail marijuana
- 32 products from one retail marijuana establishment to another
- 33 retail marijuana establishment and to temporarily store the
- 34 transported retail marijuana and retail marijuana products at
- 35 its licensed premises, but is not authorized to sell retail

- 1 marijuana or retail marijuana products under any circumstances.
- 2 Sec. 22. NEW SECTION. 124F.5 Applicability.
- 3 1. On or after July 1, 2024, an applicant may apply for
- 4 licensure of a retail marijuana establishment pursuant to this
- 5 subchapter.
- 6 2. a. Pursuant to subsection 1, an applicant shall complete
- 7 forms as provided by the division and shall pay the application
- 8 fee and the licensing fee. The division shall forward, within
- 9 seven days of the date of the application, one-half of the
- 10 application fee to the local jurisdiction unless the local
- 11 jurisdiction has prohibited the operation of retail marijuana
- 12 establishments. If the license is denied, the division shall
- 13 refund the licensing fee to the applicant.
- 14 b. The division shall act upon an application made pursuant
- 15 to subsection 1 no sooner than forty-five days and no later
- 16 than ninety days after the date of the application. The
- 17 division shall process applications in the order in which
- 18 completed applications are received by the division.
- 19 3. a. Any local jurisdiction may enact ordinances or
- 20 regulations governing the time, place, manner, and number of
- 21 retail marijuana establishments, which may include a local
- 22 licensing requirement, or may prohibit the operation of retail
- 23 marijuana establishments by ordinance or by a referred or
- 24 initiated measure. If a county acts through an initiated
- 25 measure, the proponents shall submit a petition signed by not
- 26 less than fifteen percent of the registered electors in the
- 27 county.
- 28 b. If a county prohibits the operation of retail marijuana
- 29 establishments, the county shall, upon receipt of a petition
- 30 signed by fifteen percent of the registered voters in the
- 31 county, submit to the voters of the county the question of
- 32 whether the operation of retail marijuana establishments should
- 33 be allowed in the county at the next general election.
- 34 Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. 124F.6 Retail marijuana licensure.
- 35 l. The division shall develop and maintain a seed-to-sale

- 1 tracking system that tracks retail marijuana from either
- 2 seed or immature plant stage until the marijuana or retail
- 3 marijuana product is sold to a customer at a retail marijuana
- 4 establishment to ensure that no marijuana grown or processed
- 5 by a retail marijuana establishment is sold or otherwise
- 6 transferred except by a retail marijuana store.
- 7 2. The division shall adopt all rules necessary for the
- 8 implementation of this chapter.
- 9 3. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to be
- 10 a delegation to the division of the power to fix prices for
- ll retail marijuana.
- 12 4. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to limit
- 13 a law enforcement agency's ability to investigate unlawful
- 14 activity in relation to a retail marijuana establishment. A
- 15 law enforcement agency shall have the authority to conduct a
- 16 criminal history record check of a licensee and an employee of
- 17 a licensee during an investigation of unlawful activity related
- 18 to retail marijuana and retail marijuana products.
- 19 5. The division shall create a statewide licensure class
- 20 system for retail marijuana cultivation facilities. The
- 21 classifications may be based upon square footage of the
- 22 facility; lights, lumens, or wattage; canopy lighting; the
- 23 number of cultivating plants; a combination of the foregoing;
- 24 or other reasonable metrics. The division shall create a fee
- 25 structure for the licensure class system.
- 26 Sec. 24. NEW SECTION. 124F.7 State and local participation
- 27 in licensure.
- 28 1. When the division receives an application for an
- 29 initial license or a renewal of an existing license for
- 30 any retail marijuana establishment, the division shall
- 31 provide, within seven days of receipt of an application,
- 32 a copy of the application to the local jurisdiction in
- 33 which the establishment is to be located unless the local
- 34 jurisdiction has prohibited the operation of retail marijuana
- 35 establishments. The local jurisdiction shall determine whether

- 1 the application complies with local restrictions relating
- 2 to time, place, manner, and the number of retail marijuana
- 3 establishments allowed. The local jurisdiction shall inform
- 4 the division whether the application complies with local
- 5 restrictions.
- 6 2. A local jurisdiction may impose a separate local
- 7 licensing requirement as a part of its restrictions relating
- 8 to time, place, manner, and the number of retail marijuana
- 9 establishments allowed. A local jurisdiction may decline
- 10 to impose any local licensing requirements, but a local
- 11 jurisdiction shall notify the division that it either approves
- 12 or denies each application received by the local jurisdiction.
- 13 3. If a local jurisdiction issues a local license for
- 14 a retail marijuana establishment, a local jurisdiction may
- 15 schedule a public hearing on the application. If the local
- 16 jurisdiction schedules a hearing, it shall post and publish
- 17 public notice of the hearing not less than ten days prior
- 18 to the hearing. The local jurisdiction shall give public
- 19 notice by posting a sign in a conspicuous place on the license
- 20 applicant's premises for which a local license application
- 21 has been made and by publication in a newspaper of general
- 22 circulation in the county in which the applicant's premises are
- 23 located.
- 4. If a local jurisdiction does not issue local licenses,
- 25 the local jurisdiction may give public notice of the state
- 26 license application by posting a sign in a conspicuous place
- 27 on the state license applicant's premises for which a state
- 28 license application has been made and by publication in a
- 29 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the
- 30 applicant's premises are located.
- 31 5. Applications for a state license under this subchapter
- 32 must be made to the division on forms prepared and furnished
- 33 by the division and must set forth such information as the
- 34 division may require to enable the division to determine
- 35 whether a state license should be granted.

- 1 6. The division shall deny a state license if the premises
- 2 on which the applicant proposes to conduct its business does
- 3 not meet the requirements of this subchapter. The division
- 4 may refuse or deny a license renewal, reinstatement, or
- 5 initial license issuance for good cause. For purposes of this
- 6 subsection, "good cause" means any of the following:
- 7 a. The licensee or applicant has violated, does not meet,
- 8 or has failed to comply with any of the terms, conditions, or
- 9 provisions of this subchapter, any rules promulgated pursuant
- 10 to this subchapter, or any supplemental local law, rules, or
- ll regulations.
- 12 b. The licensee or applicant has failed to comply with any
- 13 special terms or conditions of the license pursuant to an order
- 14 of the division or local licensing authority.
- 15 c. The licensed premises have been operated in a manner that
- 16 adversely affects the public health or safety of the immediate
- 17 neighborhood in which the retail marijuana establishment is
- 18 located.
- 19 d. The licensed premises are located within two thousand
- 20 feet of real property comprising a school, child care facility,
- 21 or public park.
- 7. If the division denies a state license pursuant to
- 23 subsection 6, the applicant shall be entitled to a hearing
- 24 pursuant to section 17A.12 and judicial review pursuant to
- 25 section 17A.19. The division shall provide written notice of
- 26 the grounds for denial of the state license to the applicant
- 27 and to the local jurisdiction at least fifteen days prior to
- 28 the hearing.
- 29 8. The division shall give primary preference to applicants
- 30 for licensure who are currently licensed as a medical
- 31 cannabidiol manufacturer or medical cannabidiol dispensary
- 32 pursuant to chapter 124E. The division shall also prioritize
- 33 applicants for licensure that are businesses that are
- 34 majority-owned by persons who are women, citizens or permanent
- 35 legal residents of Iowa, or disabled veterans.

- 1 9. The division shall issue licenses to businesses that
- 2 are majority-owned by persons who are racial minorities in a
- 3 proportion that meets or exceeds the percentage of persons in
- 4 this state who are racial minorities according to the most
- 5 recent federal decennial census.
- 6 Sec. 25. NEW SECTION. 124F.8 Establishment and owner
- 7 requirements.
- 8 1. An owner who is a natural person must have been either
- 9 of the following:
- 10 a. A resident of Iowa for at least one year prior to the
- 11 date of the application.
- 12 b. A United States citizen prior to the date of the
- 13 application.
- 2. A retail marijuana establishment may be composed of an
- 15 unlimited number of owners that have been residents of Iowa for
- 16 at least one year prior to the date of the application.
- 17 3. A retail marijuana establishment shall not interfere
- 18 with the creation of or participation in a labor organization,
- 19 as defined in section 216.2, by employees of the retail
- 20 marijuana establishment.
- 21 4. The division shall review the retail marijuana
- 22 establishment's operating documents to ensure compliance with
- 23 this section.
- 24 Sec. 26. NEW SECTION. 124F.9 Retail marijuana establishment
- 25 licensure.
- 26 l. Local jurisdictions may adopt and enforce regulations
- 27 for retail marijuana establishments that are at least as
- 28 restrictive as the provisions of this subchapter and any rule
- 29 promulgated pursuant to this subchapter.
- 30 2. A retail marijuana establishment shall not operate
- 31 until the retail marijuana establishment is licensed by the
- 32 division pursuant to this subchapter and approved by the
- 33 relevant local jurisdiction. If an application is denied by
- 34 the local licensing authority, the division shall revoke the
- 35 state license. In connection with a license, the applicant

- 1 shall provide a complete and accurate application as required 2 by the division.
- 3 3. A retail marijuana establishment shall notify the
- 4 division in writing of the name, address, and date of birth of
- 5 a new owner, officer, or manager before the new owner, officer,
- 6 or manager begins managing, owning, working, or otherwise
- 7 associating with the establishment. The owner, officer,
- 8 manager, or employee shall pass a fingerprint-based criminal
- 9 history record check as required by the division and shall
- 10 obtain the required identification prior to managing, owning,
- 11 working, or otherwise associating with the establishment.
- 12 The division shall not deny licensure to a retail marijuana
- 13 establishment on the basis that an owner, officer, manager,
- 14 or employee has been convicted of a crime other than a
- 15 violent crime, as defined in section 915.10, if the person has
- 16 completed any term of probation or parole imposed by the court.
- 17 4. Before granting a state license, the division may
- 18 consider, except when this subchapter specifically provides
- 19 otherwise, the requirements of this subchapter and any
- 20 rules promulgated pursuant to this subchapter, and all other
- 21 reasonable restrictions that are or may be placed upon a
- 22 licensee by the division or local licensing authority.
- 23 5. a. Each license issued under this subchapter is separate
- 24 and distinct. It is unlawful for a person to exercise any
- 25 of the privileges granted under a license other than the
- 26 license that the person holds or for a licensee to allow any
- 27 other person to exercise the privileges granted under the
- 28 licensee's license. A separate license shall be required for
- 29 each specific business or business entity and each geographical
- 30 location.
- 31 b. At all times, a licensee shall possess and maintain
- 32 possession of the premises for which the license is issued
- 33 through ownership, lease, rental, or other arrangement for
- 34 possession of the premises.
- 35 6. Each licensee shall manage the licensed premises

1 personally or employ a separate and distinct manager on 2 the premises and shall report the name of the manager to 3 the division and local licensing authority. The licensee 4 shall report any change in manager to the division and local 5 licensing authority within seven days after the change. Sec. 27. NEW SECTION. 124F.10 License renewal. 1. Ninety days prior to the expiration date of an existing 8 license, the division shall notify a licensee of the expiration 9 date by first class mail at the licensee's address of record 10 with the division. A licensee may apply for the renewal of ll an existing license to the division not less than thirty days 12 prior to the date of expiration of the existing license. Upon 13 receipt of an application for renewal of an existing license 14 and any applicable fees, the division shall submit, within 15 seven days of the application, a copy of the application to 16 the local jurisdiction to determine whether the application 17 complies with all local restrictions on renewal of licenses. 18 The division shall not accept an application for renewal of a 19 license after the date of expiration, except as provided in 20 subsection 3. The division may extend the expiration date of 21 the license and accept a late application for renewal of a 22 license if the applicant has filed a timely renewal application 23 with the local licensing authority. The division or the local 24 licensing authority, in its discretion, and subject to the 25 requirements of this subsection and subsection 3 and based upon 26 reasonable grounds, may waive the thirty-day time requirements 27 set forth in this subsection. 28 The division may request additional fingerprints from a 29 licensee when there is a demonstrated investigative need. 30 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, 31 a licensee whose license has been expired for not more than 32 ninety days may file a late renewal application upon the 33 payment of a nonrefundable late application fee of five hundred 34 dollars to the division. A licensee who files a late renewal 35 application and pays the requisite fees may continue to operate

- 1 until the division takes final action to approve or deny
- 2 the licensee's late renewal application unless the division
- 3 summarily suspends the license pursuant to chapter 17A, this
- 4 subchapter, and rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter.
- 5 b. The division may administratively continue a license
- 6 and accept a later application for renewal of a license at the
- 7 discretion of the division.
- 8 Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. 124F.11 Classes of licenses.
- 9 For the purpose of regulating the cultivation, manufacture,
- 10 distribution, sale, and testing of retail marijuana and retail
- 11 marijuana products, the division in its discretion, upon
- 12 receipt of an application in the prescribed form, may issue and
- 13 grant to the applicant a license or registration in any of the
- 14 following classes, subject to the provisions and restrictions
- 15 provided by this subchapter:
- 16 l. Retail marijuana store license.
- 2. Retail marijuana cultivation facility license.
- 18 3. Retail marijuana products manufacturing license.
- Occupational licenses and registrations for owners,
- 20 managers, operators, employees, contractors, and other support
- 21 staff employed by, working in, or having access to restricted
- 22 areas of the licensed premises, as determined by the division.
- 23 The division may take any action with respect to a registration
- 24 pursuant to this subchapter as it may with respect to a license
- 25 pursuant to this subchapter, in accordance with the procedures
- 26 established pursuant to this subchapter.
- 27 5. Retail marijuana transporter license.
- 28 Sec. 29. NEW SECTION. 124F.12 Retail marijuana store
- 29 license.
- 30 l. a. A retail marijuana store license shall be issued
- 31 by the division only to a person selling retail marijuana or
- 32 retail marijuana products pursuant to the terms and conditions
- 33 of this subchapter.
- 34 b. A retail marijuana store shall not accept any retail
- 35 marijuana purchased from a retail marijuana cultivation

- 1 facility unless the retail marijuana store is provided with
- 2 evidence that any applicable excise tax due was paid.
- Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a
- 4 retail marijuana store licensee may also sell retail marijuana
- 5 products that are prepackaged and labeled as required by rules
- 6 of the division pursuant to section 124F.21.
- 7 3. a. A retail marijuana store shall not sell more than one
- 8 ounce of retail marijuana or its equivalent in retail marijuana
- 9 products, including retail marijuana concentrate, except for
- 10 nonedible, nonpsychoactive retail marijuana products, including
- 11 ointments, lotions, balms, and other nontransdermal topical
- 12 products to a person.
- 13 b. (1) Prior to initiating a sale, an employee of the
- 14 retail marijuana store making the sale shall verify that
- 15 the purchaser has a valid identification card showing the
- 16 purchaser is twenty-one years of age or older. If a person
- 17 under twenty-one years of age presents fraudulent proof of age,
- 18 any action relying on the fraudulent proof of age shall not be
- 19 grounds for the revocation or suspension of any license issued
- 20 under this subchapter.
- 21 (2) (a) If a retail marijuana store licensee or
- 22 employee has reasonable cause to believe that a person is
- 23 under twenty-one years of age and is exhibiting fraudulent
- 24 proof of age in an attempt to obtain any retail marijuana
- 25 or cannabis-infused product, the licensee or employee is
- 26 authorized to confiscate such fraudulent proof of age, if
- 27 possible, and shall, within seventy-two hours after the
- 28 confiscation, remit such fraudulent proof of age to a state
- 29 or local law enforcement agency. The failure to confiscate
- 30 such fraudulent proof of age or to remit such fraudulent proof
- 31 of age to a state or local law enforcement agency within
- 32 seventy-two hours after the confiscation shall not constitute a
- 33 criminal offense.
- 34 (b) If a retail marijuana store licensee or employee
- 35 believes that a person is under twenty-one years of age and

- 1 presents fraudulent proof of age in an attempt to obtain any
- 2 retail marijuana or retail cannabis-infused product, the
- 3 licensee or employee or any peace officer or police officer,
- 4 acting in good faith and upon probable cause based upon
- 5 reasonable grounds therefor, may detain and question such
- 6 person in a reasonable manner for the purpose of ascertaining
- 7 whether the person is guilty of any unlawful act regarding the
- 8 purchase of retail marijuana. The questioning of a person by a
- 9 licensee, employee, peace officer, or police officer does not
- 10 render the licensee, employee, peace officer, or police officer
- 11 civilly or criminally liable for slander, false arrest, false
- 12 imprisonment, malicious prosecution, or unlawful detention.
- 13 4. All retail marijuana and retail marijuana products
- 14 sold at a licensed retail marijuana store shall be packaged
- 15 and labeled as required by rules of the division pursuant to
- 16 section 124F.21.
- 17 5. a. A licensed retail marijuana store shall only
- 18 sell retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, marijuana
- 19 accessories, nonconsumable products such as apparel, and
- 20 marijuana-related products such as childproof packaging
- 21 containers, but shall be prohibited from selling or giving
- 22 away any consumable product, including but not limited to
- 23 cigarettes, alcohol, or an edible product that does not contain
- 24 marijuana, including but not limited to sodas, candies, or
- 25 baked goods.
- 26 b. A licensed retail marijuana store shall not sell any
- 27 retail marijuana or retail marijuana products that contain
- 28 nicotine or alcohol, if the sale of the alcohol would require a
- 29 license pursuant to chapter 123.
- 30 c. A licensed retail marijuana store shall not sell retail
- 31 marijuana or retail marijuana products over the internet nor
- 32 deliver retail marijuana or retail marijuana products to a
- 33 person who is not physically present in the retail marijuana
- 34 store's licensed premises.
- 35 6. Retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall not

- 1 be consumed on the premises of a retail marijuana store.
- 2 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, sales
- 3 of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products are not
- 4 exempt from state or local sales tax.
- 5 8. The division shall not issue more than one retail
- 6 marijuana store license per county, except that the division
- 7 may, upon receipt of a petition, issue one additional retail
- 8 marijuana store license per one hundred thousand population
- 9 in the county according to the most recent federal decennial
- 10 census.
- 11 9. A retail marijuana store may also be licensed as a
- 12 medical cannabis dispensary pursuant to chapter 124E. The
- 13 division shall, in consultation with the department of public
- 14 health, adopt rules for the implementation of this subsection.
- 15 Sec. 30. NEW SECTION. 124F.13 Retail marijuana cultivation
- 16 facility license.
- 17 l. A retail marijuana cultivation facility license shall
- 18 be issued by the division only to a person who cultivates
- 19 retail marijuana for sale and distribution to licensed retail
- 20 marijuana stores, retail marijuana products manufacturing
- 21 licensees, or other retail marijuana cultivation facilities.
- 22 2. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall remit any
- 23 applicable excise tax due.
- 3. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall track
- 25 the marijuana it cultivates from seed or immature plant to
- 26 wholesale purchase of the retail marijuana. Prior to delivery
- 27 of any retail marijuana that is sold, the retail marijuana
- 28 cultivation facility shall provide evidence that the facility
- 29 paid any applicable excise tax on the retail marijuana due.
- 30 4. A retail marijuana cultivation facility may provide,
- 31 except as required by section 124F.21, a sample of its products
- 32 to the state hygienic laboratory for testing and research
- 33 purposes. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall
- 34 maintain a record of the sample provided to the state hygienic
- 35 laboratory and the testing results.

- 1 5. Retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall not
- 2 be consumed on the premises of a retail marijuana cultivation
- 3 facility.
- 4 Sec. 31. NEW SECTION. 124F.14 Retail marijuana products
- 5 manufacturing license.
- 6 l. a. A retail marijuana products manufacturing license
- 7 shall be issued by the division to a person who manufactures
- 8 retail marijuana products pursuant to the terms and conditions
- 9 of this subchapter.
- 10 b. A retail marijuana products manufacturer may cultivate
- ll its own retail marijuana if the manufacturer obtains a retail
- 12 marijuana cultivation facility license, or it may purchase
- 13 retail marijuana from a licensed retail marijuana cultivation
- 14 facility. A retail marijuana products manufacturer shall track
- 15 all of its retail marijuana from the point the retail marijuana
- 16 is either transferred from its retail marijuana cultivation
- 17 facility or from the point when the retail marijuana is
- 18 delivered to the retail marijuana products manufacturer from a
- 19 licensed retail marijuana cultivation facility to the point of
- 20 transfer to a licensed retail marijuana store.
- 21 c. A retail marijuana products manufacturer shall not
- 22 accept any retail marijuana purchased from a retail marijuana
- 23 cultivation facility unless the retail marijuana products
- 24 manufacturer is provided with evidence that any applicable
- 25 excise tax due was paid.
- 26 2. All retail marijuana products shall be prepared on
- 27 a licensed premises used exclusively for the manufacture
- 28 and preparation of retail marijuana or retail marijuana
- 29 products and using equipment that is used exclusively for the
- 30 manufacture and preparation of retail marijuana products;
- 31 except that, if permitted by the local jurisdiction, a
- 32 retail marijuana products manufacturing licensee may share
- 33 the same premises as a medical cannabidiol-infused products
- 34 manufacturing licensee so long as a virtual or physical
- 35 separation of inventory is maintained pursuant to rules

- 1 promulgated by the division.
- 3. All licensed premises on which retail marijuana products
- 3 are manufactured shall meet the sanitary standards for retail
- 4 marijuana product preparation promulgated pursuant to section
- 5 124F.21.
- 6 4. Retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall not
- 7 be consumed on the premises of a retail marijuana products
- 8 manufacturing facility.
- 9 5. A retail marijuana products manufacturer may provide,
- 10 except as required by section 124F.21, a sample of its products
- 11 to the state hygienic laboratory for testing and research
- 12 purposes. A retail marijuana products manufacturer shall
- 13 maintain a record of what was provided to the state hygienic
- 14 laboratory and the results of the testing.
- 15 6. A licensed retail marijuana products manufacturer shall
- 16 package and label each product manufactured as required by
- 17 rules of the division pursuant to section 124F.21.
- 18 7. All retail marijuana products that require refrigeration
- 19 to prevent spoilage must be stored and transported in a
- 20 refrigerated environment.
- 21 Sec. 32. NEW SECTION. 124F.15 Retail marijuana use —
- 22 protections.
- 23 1. No person shall be subject to arrest, prosecution, or
- 24 penalty in any manner, or be denied any right or privilege,
- 25 including but not limited to disciplinary action by a business,
- 26 occupational, or professional licensing board, solely for
- 27 conduct permitted under this subchapter.
- 28 2. a. Except as provided in this section, neither the state
- 29 nor any of its political subdivisions shall impose any penalty
- 30 or deny any benefit or entitlement for conduct permitted
- 31 under this subchapter or for the presence of cannabinoids or
- 32 cannabinoid metabolites in the urine, blood, saliva, breath,
- 33 hair, or other tissue or fluid of a person who is twenty-one
- 34 years of age or older.
- 35 b. Except as provided in this section and section 321J.2C,

- 1 neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions
- 2 shall deny a driver's license, a professional license,
- 3 housing assistance, social services, or other benefits based
- 4 on marijuana use or for the presence of cannabinoids or
- 5 cannabinoid metabolites in the urine, blood, saliva, breath,
- 6 hair, or other tissue or fluid of a person who is twenty-one
- 7 years of age or older.
- 8 3. No person shall be denied custody of or visitation with a
- 9 minor for acting in accordance with this subchapter, unless the
- 10 person's behavior creates an unreasonable danger to the minor
- 11 that can be clearly articulated and substantiated.
- 12 4. Except as provided in this section, neither the state
- 13 nor any of its political subdivisions shall deny employment
- 14 or a contract to a person for engaging in conduct permitted
- 15 under this subchapter, for a prior conviction for a nonviolent
- 16 marijuana offense that does not involve distribution to minors,
- 17 or for testing positive for the presence of cannabinoids or
- 18 cannabinoid metabolites in the urine, blood, saliva, breath,
- 19 hair, or other tissue or fluid of the individual's body.
- 20 5. For the purposes of medical care, including organ and
- 21 tissue transplants, the use of marijuana does not constitute
- 22 the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify a
- 23 person from needed medical care and may only be considered with
- 24 respect to evidence-based clinical criteria.
- 25 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 26 contrary, unless there is a specific finding that the
- 27 individual's use, cultivation, or possession of marijuana could
- 28 create a danger to the individual or another person, it shall
- 29 not be a violation of conditions of parole, probation, or
- 30 pretrial release to do any of the following:
- 31 a. Engage in conduct allowed by this subchapter.
- 32 b. Test positive for marijuana, delta-9
- 33 tetrahydrocannabinol, or any other cannabinoid or metabolite of
- 34 marijuana, except as provided in section 321J.2C.
- 35 7. a. This section does not prevent a governmental employer

- 1 from disciplining an employee or contractor for ingesting
- 2 marijuana in the workplace or for working while under the
- 3 influence of marijuana.
- 4 b. The protections provided by this section do not apply to
- 5 the extent that they conflict with a governmental employer's
- 6 obligations under federal law or regulations or to the extent
- 7 that they would disqualify the entity from a monetary or
- 8 licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulations.
- 9 c. This section does not authorize any person to engage in,
- 10 and does not prevent the imposition of any civil, criminal,
- 11 discipline, or other penalties, including discipline or
- 12 termination by a governmental employer, any task while under
- 13 the influence of marijuana, when doing so would constitute
- 14 negligence or professional malpractice.
- 15 Sec. 33. NEW SECTION. 124F.16 Discipline.
- In addition to any other sanctions prescribed by this
- 17 subchapter or rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter, the
- 18 division has the power, on its own motion or upon complaint,
- 19 after investigation and opportunity for a public hearing at
- 20 which a licensee must be afforded an opportunity to be heard,
- 21 to fine a licensee or to suspend or revoke a license issued by
- 22 the division for a violation by the licensee or by any of the
- 23 agents or employees of the licensee of the provisions of this
- 24 subchapter, or any of the rules promulgated pursuant to this
- 25 subchapter, or of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions
- 26 of the license issued by the division. The division has the
- 27 power to administer oaths and issue subpoenas to require the
- 28 presence of persons and the production of papers, books, and
- 29 records necessary to the determination of a hearing that the
- 30 division is authorized to conduct. The division shall conduct
- 31 a contested case pursuant to chapter 17A prior to imposing
- 32 discipline, except in the case of an emergency adjudication.
- 33 Sec. 34. NEW SECTION. 124F.17 Disposition of seized
- 34 materials.
- This section shall apply in addition to any criminal,

- 1 civil, or administrative penalties and in addition to any
- 2 other penalties prescribed by this subchapter or any rules
- 3 promulgated pursuant to this subchapter.
- 4 2. A state or local agency shall not be required to
- 5 cultivate or care for any retail marijuana or retail marijuana
- 6 product belonging to or seized from a licensee. A state or
- 7 local agency shall not be authorized to sell marijuana or
- 8 retail marijuana.
- 9 3. If the division issues a final order imposing a
- 10 disciplinary action against a licensee pursuant to section
- 11 124F.16, then, in addition to any other remedies, the
- 12 division's final order may specify that some or all of the
- 13 licensee's marijuana or marijuana product is not retail
- 14 marijuana or a retail marijuana product and is an illegal
- 15 controlled substance. The final order may further specify that
- 16 the licensee shall lose any interest in any of the marijuana or
- 17 marijuana product even if the marijuana or marijuana product
- 18 previously qualified as retail marijuana or a retail marijuana
- 19 product.
- 20 4. On or before January 1, 2024, the division shall adopt
- 21 rules governing the implementation of this section.
- 22 Sec. 35. NEW SECTION. 124F.18 Inspection procedures.
- 23 l. A licensee shall keep a complete set of all records
- 24 necessary to show fully the business transactions of the
- 25 licensee, all of which shall be accessible at all times during
- 26 business hours for inspection and examination by the division
- 27 or its authorized representatives. The division may require
- 28 a licensee to furnish such information as necessary for the
- 29 proper administration of this subchapter and may require an
- 30 audit to be made of the books of account and records on such
- 31 occasions as necessary by an auditor selected by the division
- 32 who shall have access to all books and records of the licensee.
- 33 All associated expenses shall be paid by the licensee.
- 34 2. Any licensed premises, including any places of storage
- 35 where retail marijuana or retail marijuana products are stored,

- 1 cultivated, sold, dispensed, or tested shall be subject to
- 2 inspection by the state or local jurisdictions and their
- 3 investigators, during all business hours and during other times
- 4 when employees are present, for the purpose of inspection
- 5 or investigation. Access shall be required during business
- 6 hours for examination of any inventory or books and records
- 7 required to be kept by the licensees. If any part of the
- 8 licensed premises consists of a locked area, upon demand to
- 9 the licensee, such area shall be made available for inspection
- 10 without delay, and, upon request by authorized representatives
- ll of the state or local jurisdiction, the licensee shall open the
- 12 area for inspection.
- 3. A licensee shall retain all books and records necessary
- 14 to show fully the business transactions of the licensee for
- 15 a period of the current tax year and the three immediately
- 16 preceding tax years.
- 17 Sec. 36. NEW SECTION. 124F.19 Marijuana excise tax.
- 18 1. An excise tax is imposed on consumers at the rate of ten
- 19 percent of the sales price of each sale of retail marijuana and
- 20 retail marijuana products.
- 21 2. The tax imposed by this section shall be paid by the
- 22 consumer to the retail marijuana establishment. Each retail
- 23 marijuana establishment shall collect from the consumer the
- 24 full amount of the tax payable on each taxable sale.
- 25 3. On the fifteenth day of each month, each retail marijuana
- 26 establishment that sells retail marijuana to a consumer shall
- 27 pay the excise taxes due on the retail marijuana that the
- 28 retail marijuana establishment sold in the previous calendar
- 29 month to the division.
- 30 Sec. 37. NEW SECTION. 124F.20 Occupational licensing —
- 31 protections.
- 32 1. A person holding a professional or occupational license
- 33 shall not be subject to professional discipline for providing
- 34 advice or services related to retail marijuana establishments
- 35 or applications to operate retail marijuana establishments on

- 1 the basis that marijuana is illegal under federal law.
- 2. An applicant for a professional or occupational license
- 3 shall not be denied a license based on previous employment
- 4 related to retail marijuana establishments operating in
- 5 accordance with state law.
- 6 Sec. 38. NEW SECTION. 124F.21 Rulemaking.
- The division shall, within one year of the effective
- 8 date of this Act, adopt rules for the implementation of
- 9 this subchapter. The rules shall not prohibit the operation
- 10 of retail marijuana establishments or require such a high
- ll investment of risk, money, time, or other resource or asset
- 12 that the operation of a retail marijuana establishment is not
- 13 worthy of being carried out in practice by a reasonably prudent
- 14 businessperson. Such rules shall include all of the following:
- 15 a. Procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and
- 16 revocation of a registration to operate a retail marijuana
- 17 establishment, subject to chapter 17A.
- 18 b. A schedule of reasonable application, registration,
- 19 and renewal fees, provided application fees shall not exceed
- 20 five thousand dollars, with this upper limit adjusted annually
- 21 for inflation, unless the division determines a greater fee
- 22 is necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this
- 23 subchapter. Fees shall be collected by the division and used
- 24 to administer this subchapter.
- c. Qualifications for registration that are directly and
- 26 demonstrably related to the operation of a retail marijuana
- 27 establishment and that may not disqualify applicants solely for
- 28 marijuana offenses prior to the effective date of this Act.
- 29 d. Security requirements.
- 30 e. Requirements for the transportation and storage of retail
- 31 marijuana and retail marijuana products by retail marijuana
- 32 establishments.
- 33 f. Requirements for the delivery of retail marijuana and
- 34 retail marijuana products to consumers, including a prohibition
- 35 on business names, logos, and other identifying language or

- 1 images on delivery vehicles and a prohibition on delivering
- 2 retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to any address
- 3 located on land owned by the federal government or any address
- 4 on land or in a building leased by the federal government.
- 5 g. Employment and training requirements, including
- 6 requiring that each retail marijuana establishment create
- 7 an identification badge for each employee or agent. These
- 8 requirements shall not disqualify applicants solely for
- 9 marijuana offenses prior to the effective date of this Act.
- 10 h. Requirements designed to prevent the sale or diversion of
- 11 retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to persons under
- 12 the age of twenty-one.
- i. Requirements for retail marijuana and retail
- 14 marijuana products sold or distributed by a retail marijuana
- 15 establishment, including prohibiting any misleading labeling
- 16 and requiring retail marijuana product labels to include all
- 17 of the following:
- 18 (1) The length of time it typically takes for the product
- 19 to take effect.
- 20 (2) A disclosure of ingredients and possible allergens.
- 21 (3) A nutritional fact panel.
- 22 (4) Requiring opaque, child resistant packaging, which must
- 23 be designed or constructed to be significantly difficult for
- 24 children under five years of age to open and not difficult for
- 25 adults to use properly as defined by 16 C.F.R. §1700.20.
- 26 (5) Requiring that edible retail marijuana products be
- 27 clearly identifiable, when practicable, with a standard symbol
- 28 indicating the retail marijuana product contains marijuana.
- j. Health and safety regulations and standards for the
- 30 manufacture of retail marijuana products and both the indoor
- 31 and outdoor cultivation of retail marijuana by retail marijuana
- 32 establishments.
- 33 k. Restrictions on advertising, marketing, and signage
- 34 including but not limited to a prohibition on mass-market
- 35 campaigns that have a high likelihood of reaching minors.

- 2 cultivation facilities, based on the size of the facility or
- 3 the number of plants cultivated, and whether the cultivation
- 4 occurs outdoors, indoors, or in a greenhouse. Security
- 5 regulations and licensing fees must vary based on the size of
- 6 the cultivation facility.
- 7 m. Restrictions or prohibitions on additives in retail
- 8 marijuana and retail marijuana-infused products, including but
- 9 not limited to those that are toxic or designed to make the
- 10 product more addictive.
- n. Prohibitions on products that are designed to make the
- 12 product more appealing to children, including prohibiting the
- 13 use of any images designed or likely to appeal to minors,
- 14 including cartoons, toys, animals, or children, and any other
- 15 images, characters, or phrases that are popularly used to
- 16 advertise to children.
- 17 o. Restrictions on the use of pesticides that are injurious
- 18 to human health.
- 19 p. Rules governing visits to retail marijuana cultivation
- 20 facilities and retail marijuana product manufacturing
- 21 facilities, including requiring the retail marijuana
- 22 establishment to log visitors.
- 23 σ . A definition of the amount of delta-9
- 24 tetrahydrocannabinol that constitutes a single serving
- 25 in a retail marijuana product.
- 26 r. Standards for the safe manufacture of marijuana extracts
- 27 and concentrates.
- 28 s. Requirements that educational materials be disseminated
- 29 to consumers who purchase retail marijuana-infused products.
- 30 t. Requirements for random sample testing to ensure quality
- 31 control, including by ensuring that retail marijuana and
- 32 retail marijuana-infused products are accurately labeled for
- 33 potency. Unless the division determines that remediation or
- 34 treatment is sufficient to ensure product safety, the testing
- 35 analysis must include testing for residual solvents, poisons,

- 1 or toxins; harmful chemicals; dangerous molds or mildew; filth;
- 2 and harmful microbials such as E. coli or salmonella and
- 3 pesticides.
- 4 u. Standards for the operation of marijuana testing
- 5 facilities, including requirements for equipment and
- 6 qualifications for personnel.
- 7 v. Civil penalties for the failure to comply with rules
- 8 adopted pursuant to this subchapter. Civil penalties shall
- 9 be collected by the division and used to administer this
- 10 subchapter.
- 11 w. Procedures for collecting taxes levied on retail
- 12 marijuana establishments.
- 13 x. Requirements for on-site consumption establishments,
- 14 including for security, ventilation, odor control, and
- 15 consumption by patrons. These rules may include a prohibition
- 16 on smoking indoors.
- 17 y. Requirements for the verification of licensure in
- 18 transactions between licensees.
- 19 2. After consultation with researchers knowledgeable
- 20 about the risks and benefits of marijuana and providing an
- 21 opportunity for public comment, the division shall develop a
- 22 scientifically accurate safety information label or handout
- 23 or both, which shall be available to each adult-use marijuana
- 24 consumer. The label or handout shall include all of the
- 25 following:
- 26 a. Advice about the potential risks of marijuana, including
- 27 all of the following:
- 28 (1) The risks of driving under the influence of marijuana,
- 29 and the fact that doing so is illegal.
- 30 (2) Any adverse effects unique to younger adults, including
- 31 related to the developing mind.
- 32 (3) Potential adverse events and other risks.
- 33 (4) The risks of using marijuana during pregnancy and
- 34 breastfeeding.
- 35 b. The need to safeguard all retail marijuana and retail

- 1 marijuana products from children and pets.
- The division shall review and update the safety
- 3 information materials at least once every two years to
- 4 ensure they remain accurate. The review period shall include
- 5 soliciting input from researchers knowledgeable about the
- 6 risks and benefits of marijuana and an opportunity for public
- 7 comment.
- 8 4. In order to ensure that individual privacy is protected,
- 9 the division shall not require a consumer to provide a
- 10 retail marijuana store with personal information other than
- 11 government-issued identification to determine the consumer's
- 12 age, and a retail marijuana store shall not be required to
- 13 acquire and record personal information about consumers.
- 14 Sec. 39. NEW SECTION. 124F.22 Marijuana use by minors —
- 15 prohibited.
- Nothing in this subchapter allows the transfer of marijuana,
- 17 with or without remuneration, to a person under the age of
- 18 twenty-one years, or the use of marijuana by a person under the
- 19 age of twenty-one years.
- 20 Sec. 40. NEW SECTION. 124F.23 Private property and tenant
- 21 rights.
- 22 l. Except as provided in this section, the provisions of
- 23 this subchapter do not require any person, corporation, or any
- 24 other entity that occupies, owns, or controls a property to
- 25 allow the consumption, cultivation, display, sale, or transfer
- 26 of marijuana on or in that property.
- 27 2. a. Except as provided in this section, a landlord
- 28 or property manager shall not refuse to rent to a tenant
- 29 or otherwise discriminate against a tenant based on a past
- 30 conviction for a marijuana offense that would have been legal
- 31 under this chapter.
- 32 b. Except as provided in this section, in the case of
- 33 the rental of a residential dwelling, a landlord or property
- 34 manager shall not prohibit the possession of retail marijuana
- 35 or medical cannabis, as defined in section 124E.2, or the

- 1 consumption of retail marijuana or medical cannabis, as defined
- 2 in section 124E.2, by nonsmoking means.
- 3 c. The limitations in this subsection do not apply in any
- 4 of the following circumstances:
- 5 (1) The tenant is a roomer who is not leasing the entire
- 6 residential dwelling.
- 7 (2) The residence is incidental to detention or the
- 8 provision of medical, geriatric, educational, counseling,
- 9 religious, or similar services.
- 10 (3) The residence is a transitional housing or sober living
- ll facility.
- 12 (4) Failing to prohibit marijuana possession or consumption
- 13 would violate federal law or regulations or cause a landlord
- 14 or property manager to lose a monetary or licensing-related
- 15 benefit under federal law or regulations.
- 16 d. After a warning, a landlord or property manager may take
- 17 action against a tenant if the tenant's use of marijuana or
- 18 medical cannabis, as defined in section 124E.2, creates an
- 19 odor that interferes with a person's peaceful enjoyment of the
- 20 person's home or property.
- 21 Sec. 41. NEW SECTION. 124F.24 Apportionment of revenue.
- 22 Revenues generated by the marijuana excise tax shall be
- 23 deposited as follows:
- 24 l. Thirty-five percent in the community reinvestment fund
- 25 created pursuant to section 124F.25.
- 26 2. Thirty-two and one-half percent in the mental health
- 27 services and substance use disorder prevention fund created
- 28 pursuant to section 124F.26.
- 29 3. Thirty-two and one-half percent in the local public
- 30 safety fund created pursuant to section 124F.27.
- 31 Sec. 42. NEW SECTION. 124F.25 Community reinvestment fund.
- 32 1. A community reinvestment fund is created under
- 33 the control of the division. Moneys in the fund shall be
- 34 appropriated by the general assembly as provided in subsection
- 35 2.

- 2. Moneys in the community reinvestment fund shall
- 2 be appropriated exclusively for the purpose of funding
- 3 scholarships for Iowa students for two years of postsecondary
- 4 education at Iowa schools.
- 5 3. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest
- 6 or earnings on moneys deposited in the community reinvestment
- 7 fund shall be credited to the community reinvestment fund.
- 8 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the community
- 9 reinvestment fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal
- 10 year.
- 11 Sec. 43. NEW SECTION. 124F.26 Mental health services and
- 12 substance use disorder prevention fund.
- 13 1. A mental health services and substance use disorder
- 14 prevention fund is created under the control of the division.
- 15 Moneys in the fund shall be appropriated by the general
- 16 assembly as provided in subsection 2.
- 2. Moneys in the mental health services and substance use
- 18 disorder prevention fund shall be appropriated exclusively for
- 19 the purposes of providing mental health services and preventing
- 20 substance use disorders.
- 21 3. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
- 22 earnings on moneys deposited in the mental health services and
- 23 substance use disorder prevention fund shall be credited to the
- 24 mental health services and substance use disorder prevention
- 25 fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the
- 26 mental health services and substance use disorder prevention
- 27 fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year.
- 28 Sec. 44. NEW SECTION. 124F.27 Local public safety fund.
- 29 1. A local public safety fund is created under the control
- 30 of the division. Moneys in the fund shall be appropriated by
- 31 the general assembly as provided in subsection 2.
- 32 2. Moneys in the local public safety fund shall be
- 33 appropriated exclusively for the purposes of supporting local
- 34 law enforcement personnel, fire department personnel, and
- 35 emergency medical personnel in municipalities.

- Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest
- 2 or earnings on moneys deposited in the local public safety
- 3 fund shall be credited to the local public safety fund.
- 4 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the local
- 5 public safety fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal 6 year.
- 7 Sec. 45. NEW SECTION. 332.1 Definitions.
- 8 1. "Department" means the department of revenue.
- 9 2. "Director" means the director of the department of
- 10 revenue.
- 11 3. "Retail marijuana" means the same as defined in section
- 12 124F.4.
- 13 4. "Retail marijuana store" means the same as defined in
- 14 section 124F.4.
- 15 5. "Retail sale" means the same as defined in section 423.1.
- 16 6. "Surcharge" means a retail marijuana surcharge imposed
- 17 pursuant to this chapter.
- 18 Sec. 46. NEW SECTION. 332.2 Retail marijuana surcharge.
- 19 1. A surcharge may be imposed, in accordance with the
- 20 provisions of this section, by ordinance of the board of
- 21 supervisors of a county that has not prohibited the sale of
- 22 retail marijuana. The surcharge shall be imposed at a rate of
- 23 one percent upon the retail sales price of retail marijuana.
- 24 2. The surcharge shall be in addition to the state sales tax
- 25 imposed pursuant to chapter 423, subchapter II, and the local
- 26 sales and services tax imposed pursuant to chapter 423B.
- 27 3. a. Within ten days of the passage of an ordinance
- 28 imposing a surcharge, the county auditor shall give written
- 29 notice to the director by sending a copy of the ordinance to
- 30 the director.
- 31 b. A surcharge shall be imposed either January 1 or July 1
- 32 following the notification of the director but not sooner than
- 33 ninety days following the passage of the ordinance imposing the
- 34 surcharge and not sooner than sixty days following notice to
- 35 sellers, as defined in section 423.1.

- c. A surcharge shall be repealed only on June 30 or December 2 31 but not sooner than ninety days following repeal of the 3 ordinance. At least forty days before the repeal of the 4 surcharge, the board of supervisors shall provide notice of the 5 action by certified mail to the director of revenue. 4. Upon the remittance of the revenues from the state 7 surcharge revenue fund to each county that has imposed a retail 8 marijuana surcharge under section 332.4, the revenues shall be 9 deposited into the general fund of the county. 10 Sec. 47. NEW SECTION. 332.3 Administration of surcharge. The director shall administer the surcharge imposed 11 12 pursuant to this chapter as nearly as possible in conjunction 13 with the administration of state sales tax laws. The director 14 shall provide appropriate forms, or provide space on the 15 regular state tax forms, for reporting surcharge liability. 16 2. a. Section 422.25, subsection 4, sections 422.30, 17 422.67, and 422.68, section 422.69, subsection 1, sections 18 422.70, 422.71, 422.72, 422.74, and 422.75, section 423.14, 19 subsection 1, and sections 423.23, 423.24, 423.25, 423.31, 20 423.33, 423.35, 423.37 through 423.42, and 423.47, consistent 21 with the provisions of this chapter, apply with respect to 22 the surcharge authorized under this chapter, in the same 23 manner and with the same effect as retail sales taxes within 24 the meaning of those statutes. The director may require all 25 persons who are engaged in the business of deriving any sales 26 price subject to a surcharge under this chapter to register 27 with the department. All surcharges collected under this 28 chapter are deemed to be held in trust for the state of Iowa and 29 the counties imposing the surcharges. County officials shall 30 confer with the director of revenue for assistance in drafting 31 the ordinance imposing the surcharge. A certified copy of the 32 ordinance shall be filed with the director as soon as possible
- 34 b. Frequency of deposits and quarterly reports of the 35 surcharge with the department of revenue are governed by the

33 after passage.

- 1 provisions in section 423.31. Local surcharge collections
- 2 shall not be included in computation of the total tax to
- 3 determine frequency of filing under section 423.31.
- 4 3. a. The director, in consultation with county officials,
- 5 shall collect and account for the surcharge. The director
- 6 shall certify each quarter the amount of the surcharge receipts
- 7 and any interest and penalties to be credited to the county
- 8 account in the state surcharge revenue fund established in
- 9 section 386.3C. County authorities shall not require any
- 10 permit not required by the director of revenue.
- 11 b. All surcharge revenues and interest and penalties
- 12 received or refunded one hundred eighty days or more after
- 13 the date on which the county repeals the surcharge shall be
- 14 deposited in or withdrawn from the general fund of the state.
- 15 4. Each county that has imposed a retail marijuana surcharge
- 16 under this chapter shall assist the department in identifying
- 17 new establishments required to impose the surcharge in the
- 18 county. This process shall be ongoing until the surcharge is
- 19 repealed.
- 20 Sec. 48. NEW SECTION. 332.4 State surcharge revenue fund
- 21 county accounts.
- 22 l. A state surcharge revenue fund is established in the
- 23 state treasury under the control of the department consisting
- 24 of the surcharge revenues collected within each county and
- 25 deposited in the fund pursuant to section 332.3. Revenues
- 26 deposited in the fund are appropriated to the department for
- 27 the purposes of this section.
- 28 2. A county account is created within the fund for each
- 29 county imposing a retail marijuana surcharge under this
- 30 chapter.
- 31 3. The department shall deposit the revenues described in
- 32 subsection 1 that were collected in a quarter beginning on or
- 33 after the imposition of the surcharge into the appropriate
- 34 county account in the fund.
- 35 4. All revenues in each county account within the fund

- 1 shall be remitted quarterly by the department to the county
- 2 that imposed the retail marijuana surcharge for deposit in the
- 3 general fund of the county.
- 4 5. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
- 5 necessary to administer the department's responsibilities under
- 6 this chapter.
- 7 Sec. 49. NEW SECTION. 453B.19 Retail marijuana.
- 8 This chapter shall not apply to retail marijuana or retail
- 9 marijuana products produced or sold pursuant to chapter 124F.
- 10 DIVISION III
- 11 MEDICAL CANNABIS
- 12 Sec. 50. Section 124E.1, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 13 follows:
- 14 124E.1 Short title.
- 15 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Medical
- 16 Cannabidiol Cannabis Act".
- 17 Sec. 51. Section 124E.2, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended
- 18 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 19 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. Any other medical condition for which
- 20 the patient's health care practitioner determines the use of
- 21 medical cannabis could be medically beneficial.
- Sec. 52. Section 124E.2, subsection 7, Code 2023, is amended
- 23 to read as follows:
- 24 7. "Health care practitioner" means an individual licensed
- 25 under chapter 148 to practice medicine and surgery or
- 26 osteopathic medicine and surgery, a physician assistant
- 27 licensed under chapter 148C, an advanced registered nurse
- 28 practitioner licensed under chapter 152, or an advanced
- 29 practice registered nurse under chapter 152E, who is a
- 30 patient's primary care provider, or a podiatrist licensed
- 31 pursuant to chapter 149, or a pharmacist licensed pursuant
- 32 to chapter 155A who has completed medical cannabis training
- 33 requirements imposed by the board of pharmacy.
- 34 Sec. 53. Section 124E.3, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
- 35 2023, is amended to read as follows:

- 1 a. (1) Determine, in the health care practitioner's medical
- 2 judgment, whether the patient whom the health care practitioner
- 3 has examined and treated suffers from a debilitating medical
- 4 condition that qualifies for the use of medical cannabidiol
- 5 cannabis under this chapter, and if so determined, provide the
- 6 patient with a written certification of that diagnosis.
- 7 (2) If a health care practitioner determines that the
- 8 patient whom the health care practitioner has examined and
- 9 treated suffers from a debilitating medical condition pursuant
- 10 to section 124E.2, subsection 2, paragraph "1", that qualifies
- 11 for the use of medical cannabis under this chapter, the health
- 12 care practitioner's written certification shall be based on
- 13 reasonable medical evidence, and shall be made in good faith,
- 14 in the best interest of the patient, without fraudulent intent,
- 15 and with the same reasonable medical judgment and prudence
- 16 exercised according to generally accepted medical practice.
- 17 Sec. 54. Section 124E.4, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
- 18 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 e. Submits a medical cannabidiol cannabis registration
- 20 card fee of one hundred ten dollars to the department. If
- 21 the patient attests to receiving social security disability
- 22 benefits, supplemental security insurance payments, or being
- 23 enrolled in the medical assistance program, the fee shall be
- 24 twenty-five dollars submits documentation that the patient is a
- 25 veteran as defined in section 35.1, the department shall waive
- 26 the fee.
- 27 Sec. 55. Section 124E.4, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
- 28 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 c. Submits a medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card
- 30 fee of twenty-five ten dollars to the department.
- 31 Sec. 56. Section 124E.5, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,
- 32 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 33 a. A medical cannabidiol cannabis board is created
- 34 consisting of eight ten practitioners representing the fields
- 35 of neurology, pain management, gastroenterology, oncology,

- 1 psychiatry, pediatrics, family medicine, physician assistance,
- 2 advanced practice registered nursing, and pharmacy, and one
- 3 representative from law enforcement.
- 4 b. The practitioners shall be licensed in this state and
- 5 nationally board-certified in their area of specialty and
- 6 knowledgeable about the use of medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 7 Sec. 57. Section 124E.6, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
- 8 to read as follows:
- 9 1. a. The department shall issue a request for proposals
- 10 to select and license by December 1, 2017, up to two medical
- 11 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers to manufacture and to
- 12 possess, cultivate, harvest, transport, package, process,
- 13 or supply medical cannabidiol cannabis within this state
- 14 consistent with the provisions of this chapter. The department
- 15 shall license new medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers
- 16 or relicense the existing medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 17 manufacturers by December 1 of each year.
- 18 b. Information submitted during the application process
- 19 shall be confidential until a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 20 manufacturer is licensed by the department unless otherwise
- 21 protected from disclosure under state or federal law.
- 22 Sec. 58. Section 124E.6, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended
- 23 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 24 NEW PARAGRAPH. q. The demand for medical cannabis in the
- 25 state based on an evidence-based analysis performed by the
- 26 department.
- 27 Sec. 59. Section 124E.7, subsection 12, paragraph c, Code
- 28 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 c. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall not
- 30 may manufacture edible medical cannabidiol cannabis products.
- 31 However, an edible medical cannabis product shall not appear
- 32 in a form or be sold in packaging that would be likely to
- 33 appeal to children. The department shall adopt rules for the
- 34 implementation of this paragraph.
- 35 Sec. 60. Section 124E.8, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended

- 1 to read as follows:
- 2 1. a. The department shall issue a request for proposals
- 3 to select and license by April 1, 2018, up to five medical
- 4 cannabidiol dispensaries to dispense medical cannabidiol within
- 5 this state consistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- 6 The department shall license new medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 7 dispensaries or relicense the existing medical cannabidiol
- 8 cannabis dispensaries by December 1 of each year.
- 9 b. Information submitted during the application process
- 10 shall be confidential until a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 11 dispensary is licensed by the department unless otherwise
- 12 protected from disclosure under state or federal law.
- 13 Sec. 61. Section 124E.8, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended
- 14 by adding the following new paragraph:
- NEW PARAGRAPH. f. The demand for medical cannabis in the
- 16 state based on an evidence-based analysis performed by the
- 17 department.
- 18 Sec. 62. Section 124E.9, subsection 14, Code 2023, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 14. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall not
- 21 dispense more than a combined total of four and one-half
- 22 seventeen grams of total tetrahydrocannabinol to a patient and
- 23 the patient's primary caregiver in a ninety-day period, except
- 24 as provided in subsection 15.
- 25 Sec. 63. Section 124E.9, subsection 15, unnumbered
- 26 paragraph 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary may dispense
- 28 more than a combined total of four and one-half seventeen
- 29 grams of total tetrahydrocannabinol to a patient and the
- 30 patient's primary caregiver in a ninety-day period if any of
- 31 the following apply:
- 32 Sec. 64. Section 124E.9, subsection 15, paragraph b, Code
- 33 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 b. The health care practitioner who certified the patient
- 35 to receive a medical cannabidiol cannabis registration

- 1 card certifies that the patient has participated in the
- 2 medical cannabidiol cannabis program and that the health
- 3 care practitioner has determined that four and one-half
- 4 seventeen grams of total tetrahydrocannabinol in a ninety-day
- 5 period is insufficient to treat the patient's debilitating
- 6 medical condition. A certification issued pursuant to this
- 7 paragraph shall include a total tetrahydrocannabinol cap deemed
- 8 appropriate by the patient's health care practitioner.
- 9 Sec. 65. Section 124E.9, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
- 10 following new subsection:
- 11 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. A medical cannabis dispensary shall
- 12 share information regarding the dispensation of medical
- 13 cannabis to a patient with the health care practitioner
- 14 who certified the patient to receive a medical cannabis
- 15 registration card upon request of the health care practitioner.
- 16 Sec. 66. Section 124E.11, subsection 2, paragraph h, Code
- 17 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 h. Establish and implement a real-time, statewide medical
- 19 cannabidiol cannabis registry management sale tracking system
- 20 that is available to medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensaries
- 21 on a twenty-four-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week basis for the
- 22 purpose of verifying that a person is lawfully in possession
- 23 of a medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card issued
- 24 pursuant to this chapter and for tracking the date of the sale
- 25 and quantity of medical cannabidiol cannabis purchased by a
- 26 patient or a primary caregiver. The department may share
- 27 information regarding medical cannabis purchased by a patient
- 28 or a primary caregiver with the health care practitioner who
- 29 certified the patient or primary caregiver to purchase medical
- 30 cannabis.
- 31 Sec. 67. NEW SECTION. 124E.27 Health care practitioners —
- 32 telemedicine.
- 33 1. A health care practitioner who uses telemedicine
- 34 shall establish a valid practitioner-patient relationship
- 35 with the person who receives telemedicine services. A

- 1 practitioner-patient relationship begins when all of the
- 2 following conditions are met:
- 3 a. A person with a health-related matter seeks assistance
- 4 from the health care practitioner.
- 5 b. The health care practitioner agrees to undertake
- 6 diagnosis and treatment of the person.
- 7 c. The person agrees to be treated by the health care
- 8 practitioner, regardless of whether there has been an in-person
- 9 encounter between the health care practitioner and the person.
- 10 2. A valid practitioner-patient relationship may be
- 11 established by any of the following:
- 12 a. An in-person medical interview and physical examination.
- 13 b. Through consultation with another health care
- 14 practitioner when the health care practitioner agrees to
- 15 participate in or supervise the patient's care.
- 16 c. A telemedicine encounter, but only if the standard of
- 17 care does not require an in-person encounter, and in accordance
- 18 with evidence-based standards of practice and telemedicine
- 19 practice guidelines that address the clinical and technological
- 20 aspects of telemedicine.
- 21 Sec. 68. NEW SECTION. 155A.49 Medical cannabis —
- 22 recommendation.
- 23 The board shall adopt rules establishing the requirements a
- 24 pharmacist must meet prior to recommending the use of medical
- 25 cannabis by a patient pursuant to chapter 124E.
- 26 Sec. 69. MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL FEDERAL EXEMPTION TASK
- 27 FORCE. The department of health and human services shall
- 28 convene a task force of legal experts to assist the department
- 29 in executing the department's responsibilities under 2020 Iowa
- 30 Acts, chapter 1116, section 31.
- 31 DIVISION IV
- 32 MEDICAL CANNABIS INCOME TAXES
- 33 Sec. 70. Section 422.7, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
- 34 following new subsection:
- 35 NEW SUBSECTION. 44. Subtract, to the extent included, the

- 1 amount of business expense for a medical cannabis manufacturer
- 2 or medical cannabis dispensary licensed pursuant to chapter
- 3 124E without regard to section 280E of the Internal Revenue
- 4 Code.
- 5 Sec. 71. Section 422.35, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
- 6 following new subsection:
- 7 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. Subtract, to the extent included, the
- 8 amount of business expense for a medical cannabis manufacturer
- 9 or medical cannabis dispensary licensed pursuant to chapter
- 10 124E without regard to section 280E of the Internal Revenue
- 11 Code.
- 12 DIVISION V
- 13 MEDICAL CANNABIS SALES AND USE TAX
- 14 Sec. 72. Section 423.3, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
- 15 following new subsection:
- 16 NEW SUBSECTION. 110. The sales price of the sale of a
- 17 medical cannabidiol product by a medical cannabis manufacturer
- 18 or a medical cannabis dispensary pursuant to chapter 124E.
- 19 DIVISION VI
- 20 MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL PROGRAM NAME CHANGE TO MEDICAL CANNABIS -
- 21 CONFORMING CODE CHANGES
- Sec. 73. Section 124.401, subsection 5, paragraph c, Code
- 23 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 24 c. A person may knowingly or intentionally recommend,
- 25 possess, use, dispense, deliver, transport, or administer
- 26 cannabidiol medical cannabis if the recommendation, possession,
- 27 use, dispensing, delivery, transporting, or administering is in
- 28 accordance with the provisions of chapter 124E. For purposes
- 29 of this paragraph, "cannabidiol" "medical cannabis" means the
- 30 same as defined in section 124E.2.
- 31 Sec. 74. Section 124E.2, subsections 8, 9, 10, and 11, Code
- 32 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 33 8. "Laboratory" means the state hygienic laboratory at
- 34 the university of Iowa in Iowa City or any other independent
- 35 medical cannabidiol cannabis testing facility accredited

- 1 to standard ISO/IEC 17025 by an international organization
- 2 for standards-approved accrediting body, with a controlled
- 3 substance registration certificate from the United States drug
- 4 enforcement administration and a certificate of registration
- 5 from the board of pharmacy. For the purposes of this chapter,
- 6 an independent laboratory is a laboratory operated by an entity
- 7 that has no equity ownership in a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 8 manufacturer.
- 9 9. "Marijuana" means any derivative of marijuana including
- 10 but not limited to medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 11 10. "Medical cannabidiol" "Medical cannabis" means any
- 12 pharmaceutical grade cannabinoid found in the plant Cannabis
- 13 sativa L. or Cannabis indica or any other preparation thereof
- 14 that is delivered in a form recommended by the medical
- 15 cannabidiol cannabis board, approved by the board of medicine,
- 16 and adopted by the department pursuant to rule.
- 17 ll. "Primary caregiver" means a person who is a resident of
- 18 this state or a bordering state as defined in section 331.910,
- 19 including but not limited to a parent or legal guardian, at
- 20 least eighteen years of age, who has been designated by a
- 21 patient's health care practitioner as a necessary caretaker
- 22 taking responsibility for managing the well-being of the
- 23 patient with respect to the use of medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 24 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
- Sec. 75. Section 124E.3, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 26 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 Prior to a patient's submission of an application for a
- 28 medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card pursuant to
- 29 section 124E.4, a health care practitioner shall do all of the
- 30 following:
- 31 Sec. 76. Section 124E.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
- 32 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 33 b. Provide explanatory information as provided by the
- 34 department to the patient about the therapeutic use of medical
- 35 cannabidiol cannabis and the possible risks, benefits, and side

- 1 effects of the proposed treatment.
- 2 Sec. 77. Section 124E.4, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
- 3 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 Subject to subsection 6, the department may issue a medical
- 5 cannabidiol cannabis registration card to a patient who:
- 6 Sec. 78. Section 124E.4, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
- 7 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 A medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card issued to
- 9 a patient by the department pursuant to subsection 1 shall
- 10 contain, at a minimum, all of the following:
- 11 Sec. 79. Section 124E.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
- 12 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 b. The date of issuance and expiration date of the medical
- 14 cannabidiol cannabis registration card.
- 15 Sec. 80. Section 124E.4, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph
- 16 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 17 For a patient in a primary caregiver's care, subject to
- 18 subsection 6, the department may issue a medical cannabidiol
- 19 cannabis registration card to the primary caregiver who:
- Sec. 81. Section 124E.4, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph
- 21 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 A medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card issued by
- 23 the department to a primary caregiver pursuant to subsection 3
- 24 shall contain, at a minimum, all of the following:
- 25 Sec. 82. Section 124E.4, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code
- 26 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 c. The medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card
- 28 number of each patient in the primary caregiver's care. If
- 29 the patient in the primary caregiver's care is under the age
- 30 of eighteen, the full name of the patient's parent or legal
- 31 quardian.
- Sec. 83. Section 124E.4, subsections 5 and 6, Code 2023, are
- 33 amended to read as follows:
- 34 5. Expiration date of card. A medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 35 registration card issued pursuant to this section shall expire

- 1 one year after the date of issuance and may be renewed.
- 2 6. Federally approved clinical trials. The department shall
- 3 not approve the issuance of a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 4 registration card pursuant to this section for a patient who
- 5 is enrolled in a federally approved clinical trial for the
- 6 treatment of a debilitating medical condition with medical
- 7 cannabidiol cannabis.
- 8 Sec. 84. Section 124E.5, subsections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Code
- 9 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 10 2. The medical cannabidiol cannabis board shall convene at
- ll least twice per year.
- 12 3. The duties of the medical cannabidiol cannabis board
- 13 shall include but not be limited to the following:
- 14 a. Accepting and reviewing petitions to add medical
- 15 conditions, medical treatments, or debilitating diseases to the
- 16 list of debilitating medical conditions for which the medical
- 17 use of cannabidiol cannabis would be medically beneficial under
- 18 this chapter.
- 19 b. Making recommendations relating to the removal or
- 20 addition of debilitating medical conditions to the list
- 21 of allowable debilitating medical conditions for which the
- 22 medical use of cannabidiol cannabis under this chapter would
- 23 be medically beneficial.
- 24 c. Working with the department regarding the requirements
- 25 for the licensure of medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers
- 26 and medical cannabidiol dispensaries, including licensure
- 27 procedures.
- 28 d. Advising the department regarding the location of medical
- 29 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers and medical cannabidiol
- 30 cannabis dispensaries throughout the state.
- 31 e. Making recommendations relating to the form and quantity
- 32 of allowable medical uses of cannabidiol cannabis.
- 4. Recommendations made by the medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 34 board pursuant to subsection 3, paragraphs "b" and "e", shall
- 35 be made to the board of medicine for consideration, and if

- 1 approved, shall be adopted by the board of medicine by rule.
- 2 5. On or before January 1 of each year, beginning January
- 3 1, 2018, the medical cannabidiol cannabis board shall submit a
- 4 report detailing the activities of the board.
- 5 6. The general assembly shall have the sole authority
- 6 to revise the definition of medical cannabidiol cannabis for
- 7 purposes of this chapter.
- 8 Sec. 85. Section 124E.6, subsections 2, 3, 4, and 5, Code
- 9 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 2. As a condition for licensure, a medical cannabidiol
- 11 cannabis manufacturer must agree to begin supplying medical
- 12 cannabidiol cannabis to medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 13 dispensaries in this state no later than December 1, 2018.
- 3. The department shall consider the following factors in
- 15 determining whether to select and license a medical cannabidiol
- 16 cannabis manufacturer:
- 17 a. The technical expertise of the medical cannabidiol
- 18 cannabis manufacturer regarding medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 19 b. The qualifications of the medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 20 manufacturer's employees.
- 21 c. The long-term financial stability of the medical
- 22 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer.
- 23 d. The ability to provide appropriate security measures on
- 24 the premises of the medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer.
- 25 e. Whether the medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer
- 26 has demonstrated an ability to meet certain medical cannabidiol
- 27 cannabis production needs for medical use regarding the range
- 28 of recommended dosages for each debilitating medical condition,
- 29 the range of chemical compositions of any plant of the genus
- 30 cannabis that will likely be medically beneficial for each
- 31 of the debilitating medical conditions, and the form of the
- 32 medical cannabidiol cannabis in the manner determined by the
- 33 department pursuant to rule.
- 34 f. The medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer's
- 35 projection of and ongoing assessment of fees on patients with

- 1 debilitating medical conditions.
- 2 4. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall
- 3 contract with a laboratory to perform spot-check testing of
- 4 the medical cannabidiol cannabis produced by the medical
- 5 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer as provided in section
- 6 124E.7. The department shall require that the laboratory
- 7 report testing results to the medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 8 manufacturer and the department as determined by the department
- 9 by rule. If a medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer
- 10 contracts with a laboratory other than the state hygienic
- 11 laboratory at the university of Iowa in Iowa City, the
- 12 department shall approve the laboratory to perform testing
- 13 pursuant to this chapter.
- 5. Each entity submitting an application for licensure
- 15 as a medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall pay a
- 16 nonrefundable application fee of seven thousand five hundred
- 17 dollars to the department.
- 18 Sec. 86. Section 124E.7, subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
- 19 9, 10, and 11, Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 20 1. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall
- 21 contract with a laboratory to perform spot-check testing of
- 22 the medical cannabidiol cannabis produced by the medical
- 23 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer as to content, contamination,
- 24 and consistency. The cost of all laboratory testing shall be
- 25 paid by the medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer.
- 26 2. The operating documents of a medical cannabidiol
- 27 cannabis manufacturer shall include all of the following:
- 28 a. Procedures for the oversight of the medical cannabidiol
- 29 cannabis manufacturer and procedures to ensure accurate
- 30 recordkeeping.
- 31 b. Procedures for the implementation of appropriate security
- 32 measures to deter and prevent the theft of medical cannabidiol
- 33 cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing
- 34 medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 35 3. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall

- 1 implement security requirements, including requirements for
- 2 protection of each location by a fully operational security
- 3 alarm system, facility access controls, perimeter intrusion
- 4 detection systems, and a personnel identification system.
- 5 4. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall
- 6 not share office space with, refer patients to, or have any
- 7 financial relationship with a health care practitioner.
- 8 5. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall not
- 9 permit any person to consume medical cannabidiol cannabis on
- 10 the property of the medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer.
- 11 6. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer is subject
- 12 to reasonable inspection by the department.
- 7. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall not
- 14 employ a person who is under eighteen years of age or who has
- 15 been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense. An employee
- 16 of a medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall be subject
- 17 to a background investigation conducted by the division of
- 18 criminal investigation of the department of public safety and a
- 19 national criminal history background check pursuant to section
- 20 124E.19.
- 21 8. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer owner shall
- 22 not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense and
- 23 shall be subject to a background investigation conducted by
- 24 the division of criminal investigation of the department of
- 25 public safety and a national criminal history background check
- 26 pursuant to section 124E.19.
- 9. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall not
- 28 operate at the same physical location as a medical cannabidiol
- 29 cannabis dispensary.
- 30 10. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall not
- 31 operate in any location, whether for manufacturing, possessing,
- 32 cultivating, harvesting, transporting, packaging, processing,
- 33 or supplying, within one thousand feet of a public or private
- 34 school existing before the date of the medical cannabidiol
- 35 cannabis manufacturer's licensure by the department.

- 1 ll. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall
- 2 comply with reasonable restrictions set by the department
- 3 relating to signage, marketing, display, and advertising of
- 4 medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 5 Sec. 87. Section 124E.7, subsection 12, paragraphs a and b,
- 6 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 7 a. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer shall provide
- 8 a reliable and ongoing supply of medical cannabis
- 9 to medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensaries pursuant to this
- 10 chapter.
- 11 b. All manufacturing, cultivating, harvesting, packaging,
- 12 and processing of medical cannabidiol cannabis shall take place
- 13 in an enclosed, locked facility at a physical address provided
- 14 to the department during the licensure process.
- 15 Sec. 88. Section 124E.8, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code 2023,
- 16 are amended to read as follows:
- 17 2. As a condition for licensure, a medical cannabidiol
- 18 cannabis dispensary must agree to begin supplying medical
- 19 cannabidiol cannabis to patients by December 1, 2018.
- 20 3. The department shall consider the following factors in
- 21 determining whether to select and license a medical cannabidiol
- 22 cannabis dispensary:
- 23 a. The technical expertise of the medical cannabidiol
- 24 cannabis dispensary regarding medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 25 b. The qualifications of the medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 26 dispensary's employees.
- 27 c. The long-term financial stability of the medical
- 28 cannabidiol cannabis dispensary.
- 29 d. The ability to provide appropriate security measures on
- 30 the premises of the medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary.
- 31 e. The medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary's projection
- 32 and ongoing assessment of fees for the purchase of medical
- 33 cannabidiol cannabis on patients with debilitating medical
- 34 conditions.
- 35 4. Each entity submitting an application for licensure

- 1 as a medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall pay a
- 2 nonrefundable application fee of five thousand dollars to the
- 3 department.
- 4 Sec. 89. Section 124E.9, subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
- 5 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, Code 2023, are amended to read as
- 6 follows:
- 7 l. a. The medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensaries shall
- 8 be located based on geographical need throughout the state to
- 9 improve patient access.
- 10 b. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary may dispense
- 11 medical cannabidiol cannabis pursuant to the provisions of this
- 12 chapter but shall not dispense any medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 13 in a form or quantity other than the form or quantity allowed
- 14 by the department pursuant to rule.
- 15 2. The operating documents of a medical cannabidiol
- 16 cannabis dispensary shall include all of the following:
- 17 a. Procedures for the oversight of the medical cannabidiol
- 18 cannabis dispensary and procedures to ensure accurate
- 19 recordkeeping.
- 20 b. Procedures for the implementation of appropriate security
- 21 measures to deter and prevent the theft of medical cannabidiol
- 22 cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing
- 23 medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 3. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall
- 25 implement security requirements, including requirements for
- 26 protection by a fully operational security alarm system,
- 27 facility access controls, perimeter intrusion detection
- 28 systems, and a personnel identification system.
- 29 4. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall not
- 30 share office space with, refer patients to, or have any
- 31 financial relationship with a health care practitioner.
- 32 5. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall not
- 33 permit any person to consume medical cannabidiol cannabis on
- 34 the property of the medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary.
- 35 6. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary is subject to

- 1 reasonable inspection by the department.
- 2 7. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall not
- 3 employ a person who is under eighteen years of age or who has
- 4 been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense. An employee
- 5 of a medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall be subject
- 6 to a background investigation conducted by the division of
- 7 criminal investigation of the department of public safety and a
- 8 national criminal history background check pursuant to section
- 9 124E.19.
- 10 8. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary owner shall
- 11 not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense and
- 12 shall be subject to a background investigation conducted by
- 13 the division of criminal investigation of the department of
- 14 public safety and a national criminal history background check
- 15 pursuant to section 124E.19.
- 9. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall not
- 17 operate at the same physical location as a medical cannabidiol
- 18 cannabis manufacturer.
- 19 10. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall not
- 20 operate in any location within one thousand feet of a public
- 21 or private school existing before the date of the medical
- 22 cannabidiol cannabis dispensary's licensure by the department.
- 23 ll. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall comply
- 24 with reasonable restrictions set by the department relating
- 25 to signage, marketing, display, and advertising of medical
- 26 cannabidiol cannabis.
- 27 12. Prior to dispensing of any medical cannabidiol
- 28 cannabis, a medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall do
- 29 all of the following:
- 30 a. Verify that the medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary
- 31 has received a valid medical cannabidiol cannabis registration
- 32 card from a patient or a patient's primary caregiver, if
- 33 applicable.
- 34 b. Assign a tracking number to any medical cannabidiol
- 35 cannabis dispensed from the medical cannabidiol cannabis

- 1 dispensary.
- 2 c. Properly package medical cannabidiol cannabis in
- 3 compliance with federal law regarding child resistant packaging
- 4 and exemptions for packaging for elderly patients, and
- 5 label medical cannabidiol cannabis with a list of all active
- 6 ingredients and individually identifying information.
- 7 13. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall employ
- 8 a pharmacist or pharmacy technician licensed or registered
- 9 pursuant to chapter 155A for the purpose of making dosing
- 10 recommendations.
- 11 Sec. 90. Section 124E.9, subsection 15, paragraph a, Code
- 12 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 13 a. The health care practitioner who certified the patient
- 14 to receive a medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card
- 15 certifies that patient's debilitating medical condition is a
- 16 terminal illness with a life expectancy of less than one year.
- 17 A certification issued pursuant to this paragraph shall include
- 18 a total tetrahydrocannabinol cap deemed appropriate by the
- 19 patient's health care practitioner.
- Sec. 91. Section 124E.10, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 21 follows:
- 22 124E.10 Fees.
- 23 All fees collected by the department under this chapter
- 24 shall be retained by the department for operation of the
- 25 medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card program and
- 26 the medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer and medical
- 27 cannabidiol cannabis dispensary licensing programs. The moneys
- 28 retained by the department shall be considered repayment
- 29 receipts as defined in section 8.2 and shall be used for any of
- 30 the department's duties under this chapter, including but not
- 31 limited to the addition of full-time equivalent positions for
- 32 program services and investigations. Notwithstanding section
- 33 8.33, moneys retained by the department pursuant to this
- 34 section shall not revert to the general fund of the state but
- 35 shall remain available for expenditure only for the purposes

- 1 specified in this section.
- 2 Sec. 92. Section 124E.11, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
- 3 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 a. The department shall maintain a confidential file of the
- 5 names of each patient to or for whom the department issues a
- 6 medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card and the name of
- 7 each primary caregiver to whom the department issues a medical
- 8 cannabidiol cannabis registration card under section 124E.4.
- 9 Sec. 93. Section 124E.11, subsection 1, paragraph b,
- 10 subparagraph (1), subparagraph divisions (b), (c), and (d),
- 11 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 12 (b) To authorized employees of law enforcement agencies
- 13 of a state or political subdivision thereof, but only for the
- 14 purpose of verifying that a person is lawfully in possession
- 15 of a medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card issued
- 16 pursuant to this chapter.
- 17 (c) To authorized employees of a medical cannabidiol
- 18 cannabis dispensary, but only for the purposes of verifying
- 19 that a person is lawfully in possession of a medical
- 20 cannabidiol cannabis registration card issued pursuant
- 21 to this chapter and that a person has not purchased total
- 22 tetrahydrocannabinol in excess of the amount authorized by this
- 23 chapter.
- 24 (d) To any other authorized persons recognized by the
- 25 department by rule, but only for the purpose of verifying that
- 26 a person is lawfully in possession of a medical cannabidiol
- 27 cannabis registration card issued pursuant to this chapter.
- Sec. 94. Section 124E.11, subsection 2, paragraphs a, b, c,
- 29 d, e, f, g, and i, Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 30 a. Govern the manner in which the department shall consider
- 31 applications for new and renewal medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 32 registration cards.
- 33 b. Ensure that the medical cannabidiol cannabis registration
- 34 card program operates on a self-sustaining basis.
- 35 c. Establish the form and quantity of medical cannabidiol

- 1 cannabis allowed to be dispensed to a patient or primary
- 2 caregiver pursuant to this chapter as appropriate to serve the
- 3 medical needs of patients with debilitating medical conditions,
- 4 subject to recommendation by the medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 5 board and approval by the board of medicine.
- 6 d. Establish requirements for the licensure of medical
- 7 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers and medical cannabidiol
- 8 cannabis dispensaries and set forth procedures for medical
- 9 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers and medical cannabidiol
- 10 cannabis dispensaries to obtain licenses.
- 11 e. Develop a dispensing system for medical cannabidiol
- 12 cannabis within this state that provides for all of the
- 13 following:
- 14 (1) Medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensaries within this
- 15 state housed on secured grounds and operated by licensed
- 16 medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensaries.
- 17 (2) The dispensing of medical cannabidiol cannabis to
- 18 patients and their primary caregivers to occur at locations
- 19 designated by the department.
- 20 f. Establish and collect annual fees from medical
- 21 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers and medical cannabidiol
- 22 cannabis dispensaries to cover the costs associated with
- 23 regulating and inspecting medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 24 manufacturers and medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensaries.
- 25 g. Specify and implement procedures that address public
- 26 safety including security procedures and product quality
- 27 including measures to ensure contaminant-free cultivation of
- 28 medical cannabidiol cannabis, safety, and labeling.
- 29 i. Establish and implement a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 30 inventory and delivery tracking system to track medical
- 31 cannabidiol cannabis from production by a medical cannabidiol
- 32 cannabis manufacturer through dispensing at a medical
- 33 cannabidiol cannabis dispensary.
- 34 Sec. 95. Section 124E.12, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 35 follows:

- 1 124E.12 Use of medical cannabidiol cannabis affirmative 2 defenses.
- A health care practitioner, including any authorized
- 4 agent or employee thereof, shall not be subject to
- 5 prosecution for the unlawful certification, possession, or
- 6 administration of marijuana under the laws of this state for
- 7 activities arising directly out of or directly related to the
- 8 certification or use of medical cannabidiol cannabis in the
- 9 treatment of a patient diagnosed with a debilitating medical
- 10 condition as authorized by this chapter.
- 11 2. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer, including
- 12 any authorized agent or employee thereof, shall not be subject
- 13 to prosecution for manufacturing, possessing, cultivating,
- 14 harvesting, transporting, packaging, processing, or supplying
- 15 medical cannabidiol cannabis pursuant to this chapter.
- 16 3. A medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary, including
- 17 any authorized agent or employee thereof, shall not be subject
- 18 to prosecution for dispensing medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 19 pursuant to this chapter.
- 20 4. a. In a prosecution for the unlawful possession of
- 21 marijuana under the laws of this state for the possession
- 22 of medical cannabidiol cannabis, including but not limited
- 23 to chapters 124 and 453B, it is an affirmative and complete
- 24 defense to the prosecution that the patient has been diagnosed
- 25 with a debilitating medical condition, used or possessed
- 26 medical cannabidiol cannabis pursuant to a certification by a
- 27 health care practitioner as authorized under this chapter, and,
- 28 for a patient eighteen years of age or older, is in possession
- 29 of a valid medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card
- 30 issued pursuant to this chapter.
- 31 b. In a prosecution for the unlawful possession of marijuana
- 32 under the laws of this state for the possession of medical
- 33 cannabidiol cannabis, including but not limited to chapters
- 34 124 and 453B, it is an affirmative and complete defense to
- 35 the prosecution that the person possessed medical cannabidiol

- 1 cannabis because the person is a primary caregiver of a patient
- 2 who has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition
- 3 and is in possession of a valid medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 4 registration card issued pursuant to this chapter, and where
- 5 the primary caregiver's possession of the medical cannabidiol
- 6 cannabis is on behalf of the patient and for the patient's use
- 7 only as authorized under this chapter.
- 8 c. If a patient or primary caregiver is charged with
- 9 the unlawful possession of marijuana under the laws of this
- 10 state for the possession of medical cannabidiol cannabis,
- 11 including but not limited to chapters 124 and 453B, and is not
- 12 in possession of the person's medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 13 registration card, any charge or charges filed against the
- 14 person for the possession of medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 15 shall be dismissed by the court if the person produces to the
- 16 court prior to or at the person's trial a medical cannabidiol
- 17 cannabis registration card issued to that person and valid at
- 18 the time the person was charged.
- 19 5. An agency of this state or a political subdivision
- 20 thereof, including any law enforcement agency, shall not remove
- 21 or initiate proceedings to remove a patient under the age
- 22 of eighteen from the home of a parent based solely upon the
- 23 parent's or patient's possession or use of medical cannabidiol
- 24 cannabis as authorized under this chapter.
- 25 6. The department and any health care practitioner,
- 26 including any authorized agent or employee thereof, are not
- 27 subject to any civil or disciplinary penalties by the board
- 28 of medicine or any business, occupational, or professional
- 29 licensing board or entity, solely for activities conducted
- 30 relating to a patient's possession or use of medical
- 31 cannabidiol cannabis as authorized under this chapter. Nothing
- 32 in this section affects a professional licensing board from
- 33 taking action in response to violations of any other section
- 34 of law.
- 35 7. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department,

- 1 the governor, or any employee of any state agency shall not
- 2 be held civilly or criminally liable for any injury, loss
- 3 of property, personal injury, or death caused by any act or
- 4 omission while acting within the scope of office or employment
- 5 as authorized under this chapter.
- 8. An attorney shall not be subject to disciplinary action
- 7 by the Iowa supreme court or attorney disciplinary board for
- 8 providing legal assistance to a patient, primary caregiver, or
- 9 others based upon a patient's or primary caregiver's possession
- 10 or use of medical $\frac{cannabidiol}{cannabis}$ as authorized under this
- 11 chapter.
- 12 9. Possession of a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 13 registration card or an application for a medical cannabidiol
- 14 cannabis registration card by a person entitled to possess or
- 15 apply for a medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card
- 16 shall not constitute probable cause or reasonable suspicion,
- 17 and shall not be used to support a search of the person or
- 18 property of the person possessing or applying for the medical
- 19 cannabidiol cannabis registration card, or otherwise subject
- 20 the person or property of the person to inspection by any
- 21 governmental agency.
- Sec. 96. Section 124E.13, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 23 follows:
- 24 124E.13 Medical cannabidiol cannabis source.
- 25 Medical cannabidiol cannabis provided exclusively pursuant
- 26 to a written certification of a health care practitioner, if
- 27 not legally available in this state or from any other bordering
- 28 state, shall be obtained from an out-of-state source.
- 29 Sec. 97. Section 124E.14, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 30 follows:
- 31 124E.14 Out-of-state medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 32 dispensaries.
- 33 The department of public health shall utilize a request for
- 34 proposals process to select and license by December 1, 2017, up
- 35 to two out-of-state medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensaries

- 1 from a bordering state to sell and dispense medical cannabidiol
- 2 cannabis to a patient or primary caregiver in possession of a
- 3 valid medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card issued
- 4 under this chapter.
- 5 Sec. 98. Section 124E.15, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 6 follows:
- 7 124E.15 Iowa patients and primary caregivers registering in
- 8 the state of Minnesota.
- 9 A patient or a primary caregiver with a valid medical
- 10 cannabidiol cannabis registration card issued pursuant to this
- 11 chapter may register in the state of Minnesota as a visiting
- 12 qualified patient or primary caregiver and may register with
- 13 one or more medical cannabis manufacturers registered under the
- 14 laws of Minnesota.
- 15 Sec. 99. Section 124E.16, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 124E.16 Penalties.
- 18 1. A person who knowingly or intentionally possesses or uses
- 19 medical cannabidiol cannabis in violation of the requirements
- 20 of this chapter is subject to the penalties provided under
- 21 chapters 124 and 453B.
- 22 2. A medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer or a medical
- 23 cannabidiol cannabis dispensary shall be assessed a civil
- 24 penalty of up to one thousand dollars per violation for any
- 25 violation of this chapter in addition to any other applicable
- 26 penalties.
- 27 Sec. 100. Section 124E.17, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 28 follows:
- 29 124E.17 Use of medical cannabidiol cannabis smoking
- 30 prohibited.
- 31 A patient shall not consume medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 32 possessed or used as authorized under this chapter by smoking
- 33 medical cannabidiol cannabis.
- 34 Sec. 101. Section 124E.18, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 35 follows:

- 1 124E.18 Reciprocity.
- 2 A valid medical cannabidiol cannabis registration card,
- 3 or its equivalent, issued under the laws of another state
- 4 that allows an out-of-state patient to possess or use medical
- 5 cannabidiol cannabis in the jurisdiction of issuance shall
- 6 have the same force and effect as a valid medical cannabidiol
- 7 cannabis registration card issued pursuant to this chapter,
- 8 except that an out-of-state patient in this state shall not
- 9 obtain medical cannabidiol cannabis from a medical cannabidiol
- 10 cannabis dispensary in this state.
- 11 Sec. 102. Section 124E.19, subsections 1, 2, and 4, Code
- 12 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 13 1. The division of criminal investigation of the
- 14 department of public safety shall conduct thorough background
- 15 investigations for the purposes of licensing medical
- 16 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturers and medical cannabidiol
- 17 cannabis dispensaries under this chapter. The results of any
- 18 background investigation conducted pursuant to this section
- 19 shall be presented to the department.
- 20 a. An applicant for a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 21 manufacturer license or a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 22 dispensary license and their owners, investors, and employees
- 23 shall submit all required information on a form prescribed by
- 24 the department of public safety.
- 25 b. The department shall charge an applicant for a medical
- 26 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer license or a medical
- 27 cannabidiol cannabis dispensary license a fee determined by
- 28 the department of public safety and adopted by the department
- 29 by rule to defray the costs associated with background
- 30 investigations conducted pursuant to the requirements of this
- 31 section. The fee shall be in addition to any other fees
- 32 charged by the department. The fee may be retained by the
- 33 department of public safety and shall be considered repayment
- 34 receipts as defined in section 8.2.
- 35 2. The department shall require an applicant for a

- 1 medical cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer license or a
- 2 medical cannabidiol cannabis dispensary license, their owners
- 3 and investors, and applicants for employment at a medical
- 4 cannabidiol cannabis manufacturer or medical cannabidiol
- 5 cannabis dispensary to submit fingerprints and other required
- 6 identifying information to the department on a form prescribed
- 7 by the department of public safety. The department shall
- 8 submit the fingerprint cards and other identifying information
- 9 to the division of criminal investigation of the department
- 10 of public safety for submission to the federal bureau of
- ll investigation for the purpose of conducting a national criminal
- 12 history record check. The department may require employees and
- 13 contractors involved in carrying out a background investigation
- 14 to submit fingerprints and other identifying information for
- 15 the same purpose.
- 16 4. An applicant for a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 17 manufacturer license or a medical cannabidiol cannabis
- 18 dispensary license shall submit information and fees required
- 19 by this section at the time of application.
- Sec. 103. Section 124E.20, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 21 follows:
- 22 124E.20 Observational effectiveness study.
- 23 The department may conduct an observational effectiveness
- 24 study in cooperation with patients and health care
- 25 practitioners and pursuant to rules of the department in order
- 26 to study the effectiveness of medical cannabidiol cannabis in
- 27 the treatment of debilitating medical conditions.
- 28 Sec. 104. Section 204.17, subsection 4, Code 2023, is
- 29 amended to read as follows:
- 30 4. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed or applied
- 31 to authorize a person to manufacture, recommend, possess, use,
- 32 dispense, deliver, transport, or administer medical cannabidiol
- 33 cannabis pursuant to chapter 124E.
- 34 Sec. 105. Section 730.5, subsection 11, paragraph f, Code
- 35 2023, is amended to read as follows:

- 1 f. Testing or taking action against an employee or
- 2 prospective employee with a confirmed positive test result due
- 3 to the employee's or prospective employee's use of medical
- 4 cannabidiol cannabis as authorized under chapter 124E.
- 5 DIVISION VII
- 6 EFFECTIVE DATE
- 7 Sec. 106. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
- 8 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment, except that
- 9 the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce
- 10 shall not issue a license to operate a retail marijuana
- 11 establishment prior to January 1, 2024.
- 12 DIVISION VIII
- 13 CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE
- 14 Sec. 107. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE SUBCHAPTER DESIGNATIONS.
- 1. The Code editor is directed to create two new subchapters
- 16 in chapter 124F as follows:
- 17 a. Subchapter I shall be entitled "CRIMINAL PENALTIES" and
- 18 include sections 124F.1 through 124F.3.
- 19 b. Subchapter II shall be entitled "RETAIL MARIJUANA" and
- 20 include sections 124F.4 through 124F.27.
- 21 2. The Code editor may modify subchapter titles if necessary
- 22 and is directed to correct internal references in the Code as
- 23 necessary due to enactment of this section.
- 24 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 27 This bill relates to marijuana, including retail marijuana
- 28 and medical cannabis.
- 29 DIVISION I MARIJUANA CRIMINAL PENALTIES. The
- 30 bill modifies criminal penalties relating to marijuana by
- 31 eliminating and modifying certain criminal provisions in
- 32 Code chapter 124 (uniform controlled substances Act), and
- 33 transferring certain criminal provisions from Code chapter 124
- 34 to new Code chapter 124F.
- 35 MANUFACTURE, DELIVERY, OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER

- 1 MARIJUANA. The bill provides that an unauthorized person
- 2 commits a class "C" felony punishable by confinement for
- 3 no more than 10 years and a fine of at least \$1,370 but not
- 4 more than \$13,660 if the person violates new Code section
- 5 124F.2(1)(a) and the controlled substance involves more than
- 6 50 kilograms of marijuana. Currently, such a person commits
- 7 a class "B" felony punishable by confinement of no more than
- 8 50 years if the controlled substance involves more than 1,000
- 9 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
- 10 amount of marijuana, or a class "B" felony punishable by
- 11 confinement of no more than 25 years if the controlled
- 12 substance involves more than 100 kilograms of marijuana but not
- 13 more than 1,000 kilograms.
- 14 The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits a
- 15 class "D" felony if the person violates new Code section
- 16 124F.2(1)(a) and the controlled substance involves more than
- 17 2 kilograms of marijuana but not more than 50 kilograms. A
- 18 class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more than
- 19 five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than
- 20 \$10,245. Currently, such a person commits a class "C" felony
- 21 if the controlled substance involves more than 50 kilograms of
- 22 marijuana but not more than 100 kilograms.
- 23 The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits an
- 24 aggravated misdemeanor if the person violates new Code section
- 25 124F.2(1)(a) and the controlled substance involves more than
- 26 12 ounces of marijuana but not more than 2 kilograms. An
- 27 aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
- 28 than two years and a fine of at least \$855 but not more than
- 29 \$8,540. Currently, such a person commits a class "D" felony
- 30 if the controlled substance involves 50 kilograms or less of
- 31 marijuana.
- 32 The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits a
- 33 serious misdemeanor if the person violates new Code section
- 34 124F.2(1)(a) and the controlled substance involves more than
- 35 4 ounces of marijuana but not more than 12 ounces. A serious

1 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than one 2 year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560. 3 Currently, such a person commits a class "D" felony. The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits a 5 simple misdemeanor if the person violates new Code section 6 124F.2(1)(a) and the controlled substance involves 4 ounces or 7 less of marijuana except as otherwise provided in the bill. 8 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more 9 than 30 days and a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855. 10 Currently, such a person commits a class "D" felony. A person 11 who is 18 years of age or older who unlawfully manufactures 12 with the intent to distribute, distributes, or possesses with 13 the intent to distribute marijuana to another person who is 14 18 years of age or older in or on, or within 1,000 feet of, 15 the real property comprising a public or private elementary or 16 secondary school, public park, public swimming pool, public 17 recreation center, or on a marked school bus, may be sentenced 18 up to an additional term of confinement of five years. POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. The bill provides that if a person 20 unlawfully possesses more than 6 ounces of marijuana but not 21 more than 12 ounces, the person commits a serious misdemeanor. 22 The bill provides that if a person unlawfully possesses more 23 than one-half ounce of marijuana but not more than 6 ounces, 24 the person commits a simple misdemeanor. The bill provides that if a person 21 years of age or older 26 possesses one-half ounce or less of marijuana, the person does 27 not commit a criminal offense but shall be assessed a civil 28 penalty in the amount of \$100. If the person is under 21 years 29 of age, the person must complete 10 hours of unpaid community 30 service and a substance abuse program, and inform the person's 31 parents or legal guardians. The bill provides that any records 32 relating to the civil penalty shall not be displayed for public 33 viewing on the Iowa court information system and such records 34 shall not be kept in the criminal history files maintained by 35 the department of public safety.

1 RETAIL MARIJUANA — POSSESSION LIMITS. The bill establishes 2 possession limits for retail marijuana, defined in the bill. 3 The bill prohibits a person 21 years of age or older from 4 possessing more than 5 ounces of marijuana flower, or 500 5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol contained in a product 6 infused with marijuana. A person in possession of retail 7 marijuana in excess of amounts equivalent to the amounts 8 specified in the bill for the possession of marijuana is 9 subject to prosecution for a simple or serious misdemeanor or 10 a civil penalty. A retail marijuana store that sells retail 11 marijuana in excess of the amounts allowed in the bill is 12 subject to a fine or other discipline imposed by the division. 13 Currently, if a person unlawfully possesses marijuana, the 14 person shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for 15 not more than six months or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, 16 or by both for a first offense. If the person has previously 17 been convicted of marijuana possession, the person commits a 18 serious misdemeanor under current law, and if the person has 19 been convicted of marijuana possession two or more times, the 20 person commits an aggravated misdemeanor. 21 JUVENILE MARIJUANA OFFENSES. The bill specifies that the 22 juvenile court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in a 23 proceeding concerning a minor who is alleged to have committed 24 a violation of the bill. GATHERINGS WHERE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES UNLAWFULLY USED. 26 The bill strikes a provision making it a serious misdemeanor 27 for a person to sponsor, promote, or aid in the sponsoring 28 or promoting of a meeting or gathering with the knowledge or 29 intent that marijuana be distributed, used, or possessed at the 30 meeting or gathering in violation of Code chapter 124. ACCOMMODATION OFFENSE. The bill strikes a provision 31 32 allowing a prosecution for unlawful delivery or possession with 33 intent to deliver marijuana, if the prosecution proves that 34 the defendant delivered or possessed with intent to deliver 35 one-half ounce or less of marijuana which was not offered for

- 1 sale, the defendant is guilty of an accommodation offense
- 2 and rather than being sentenced for a class "D" felony under
- 3 Code section 124.401(1)(d), the person is sentenced for a
- 4 misdemeanor in violation of Code section 124.401(5). The bill
- 5 makes conforming changes to Code sections 124.401G (Iowa hemp
- 6 Act) and 124.413 (mandatory minimum sentences controlled
- 7 substances).
- 8 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES. Currently, a person
- 9 convicted of a second or subsequent offense under Code chapter
- 10 124 may be punished by imprisonment for a period not to exceed
- 11 three times the term otherwise authorized, or fined not more
- 12 than three times the amount otherwise authorized. The bill
- 13 strikes the provision that allows for the use of a previous
- 14 marijuana conviction in determining if a person has been
- 15 convicted of a second or subsequent offense under Code chapter 16 124.
- 17 MARIJUANA IN MOTOR VEHICLES. The bill prohibits a driver
- 18 of a motor vehicle upon a public street or highway from using
- 19 marijuana in the passenger area of the motor vehicle. The bill
- 20 also prohibits a driver or passenger of or in a motor vehicle
- 21 upon a public street or highway from possessing marijuana in
- 22 the passenger area of a motor vehicle except in a sealed, odor
- 23 proof, child resistant container. The bill defines "passenger
- 24 area" as the area designed to seat the driver and passengers
- 25 while the motor vehicle is in operation and any area that is
- 26 readily accessible to the driver or a passenger while in their
- 27 seating positions, including the glove compartment. A person
- 28 who knowingly violates this provision of the bill is guilty of
- 29 a simple misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by
- 30 confinement for no more than 30 days and a fine of at least \$105
- 31 but not more than \$855.
- The bill prohibits a person from operating a motor
- 33 vehicle with 50 or more nanograms of tetrahydrocannabinol
- 34 in the person, as measured in the person's blood. A person
- 35 who operates a motor vehicle with 50 or more nanograms of

1 tetrahydrocannabinol in the person shall have that person's 2 driver's license suspended for 180 days for a first offense and 3 one year for each subsequent offense. A person who refuses 4 to submit to chemical testing for tetrahydrocannabinol shall 5 have the person's driver's license suspended for one year for a 6 first offense, and two years for each subsequent offense. The bill provides that upon application by a EXPUNGEMENT. 8 defendant convicted of a felony offense under Code chapter 124 9 (controlled substances) related to the possession or transfer 10 of marijuana prior to January 1, 2023, the court shall enter an 11 order expunging the record of such a criminal case. A person 12 may only seek an expundement once, but an application may 13 request the expungement of multiple nonviolent offenses if the 14 offenses arose from the same transaction or occurrence. 15 current law, misdemeanor marijuana offenses may be expunged 16 pursuant to Code section 901C.3 (misdemeanor expungement). 17 bill requires each court, on the effective date of the bill, to 18 review its records to identify persons convicted of marijuana 19 offenses that would have been legal under the bill and to 20 automatically expunge each such conviction. 21 DIVISION II - RETAIL MARIJUANA. Division II of the 22 bill relates to the regulation of retail marijuana in Iowa. 23 The bill grants the alcoholic beverages division of the 24 department of commerce (division) the authority to regulate the 25 cultivation, production, transportation, testing, and sale of 26 retail marijuana and retail marijuana products, including by 27 issuing appropriate licenses and promulgating rules. 28 The bill requires the division to transfer half of any 29 application fee collected to the local jurisdiction in which 30 the retail marijuana establishment will be located. 31 bill allows local jurisdictions to impose limitations on the 32 operation of retail marijuana establishments, including by 33 prohibiting their operation. 34 The bill directs the division to develop and maintain a

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35 seed-to-sale tracking system to track retail marijuana from the

- 1 seed or immature plant stage until it is sold to a consumer at a
- 2 retail marijuana establishment.
- 3 The bill requires the division to prioritize applicants
- 4 for state licenses who currently hold a license pursuant to
- 5 Code chapter 124E (medical cannabidiol) or that are businesses
- 6 majority-owned by women, citizens or permanent legal residents
- 7 of Iowa, or disabled veterans. The bill requires the division
- 8 to issue licenses to businesses that are majority-owned by
- 9 persons who are racial minorities in a proportion that meets or
- 10 exceeds the percentage of persons in this state who are racial
- 11 minorities according to the most recent federal decennial
- 12 census.
- 13 The bill prohibits the owner of a retail marijuana
- 14 establishment from interfering with activities of employees
- 15 relating to labor organizations.
- 16 LOCAL LICENSES. The bill requires the division to transmit
- 17 any application for a retail marijuana establishment it
- 18 receives to the local jurisdiction where the establishment
- 19 will be located within seven days of receipt unless the
- 20 local jurisdiction has prohibited the operation of retail
- 21 marijuana establishments. The local jurisdiction must then
- 22 inform the division whether the application complies with
- 23 any local restrictions on the operation of retail marijuana
- 24 establishments it may have imposed. The bill requires a person
- 25 to receive approval from both the division and the local
- 26 jurisdiction before operating a retail marijuana establishment.
- 27 A person whose application for a license is denied is entitled
- 28 to a hearing and judicial review pursuant to Code chapter 17A.
- 29 RETAIL MARIJUANA LICENSES. Ninety days prior to the
- 30 expiration date of an existing license, the division shall
- 31 notify the licensee of the expiration date by first class
- 32 mail at the licensee's address of record with the division.
- 33 A licensee may apply for the renewal of an existing license
- 34 to the division not less than 30 days prior to the date of
- 35 expiration.

- 1 RETAIL MARIJUANA STORES. The bill allows a retail marijuana
- 2 store to purchase retail marijuana from a retail marijuana
- 3 cultivation facility. A retail marijuana store may also
- 4 sell prepackaged and labeled retail marijuana products. A
- 5 retail marijuana store must track all of its retail marijuana
- 6 and retail marijuana products from the point that they are
- 7 transferred to the retail marijuana store to the point of
- 8 sale. The bill prohibits a retail marijuana store from selling
- 9 more than one ounce of retail marijuana or its equivalent
- 10 to a person in a single transaction, excluding nonedible,
- 11 nonpsychoactive retail marijuana products.
- 12 Prior to initiating a sale, the bill requires a retail
- 13 marijuana store employee to verify that purchaser has a valid
- 14 identification card showing that the person is 21 years of age
- 15 or older. If a purchaser presents a retail marijuana store
- 16 employee with fraudulent proof of age, any action taken in
- 17 reliance on that proof of age shall not be grounds for the
- 18 revocation or suspension of a license.
- 19 The bill allows a retail marijuana store to provide to the
- 20 state hygienic laboratory a sample of its products for testing
- 21 and research purposes. The retail marijuana store shall
- 22 maintain a record of what was provided to the laboratory and
- 23 the results of the testing.
- 24 The bill prohibits a retail marijuana store from selling
- 25 any products other than retail marijuana, retail marijuana
- 26 products, marijuana accessories, nonconsumable products such as
- 27 apparel, and marijuana products such as childproof packaging
- 28 containers.
- 29 The bill prohibits the division from issuing more than one
- 30 retail marijuana store license per county, except that the
- 31 division may, upon receipt of a petition, issue one additional
- 32 retail marijuana store license per 100,000 population in the
- 33 county. The bill allows a location licensed as a retail
- 34 marijuana store to also be licensed as a medical cannabis
- 35 dispensary, pursuant to rules adopted by the division in

- 1 consultation with the Iowa department of public health.
- 2 RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION. The bill allows the division
- 3 to issue retail marijuana cultivation facility licenses
- 4 to persons who cultivate retail marijuana for sale and
- 5 distribution to retail marijuana stores, manufacturers, or
- 6 other cultivation facilities. The bill requires a retail
- 7 marijuana cultivation facility to remit any applicable tax due.
- 8 The bill also requires a retail marijuana cultivation facility
- 9 to track the marijuana it cultivates from seed or immature
- 10 plant to wholesale purchase.
- 11 RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING LICENSES. The
- 12 bill allows the division to issue retail marijuana products
- 13 manufacturing licenses to persons who manufacture retail
- 14 marijuana products. The bill requires a retail marijuana
- 15 products manufacturer to track all of its retail marijuana from
- 16 the point it is either transferred from its retail marijuana
- 17 cultivation facility or the point when it is delivered to the
- 18 retail marijuana products manufacturer from a retail marijuana
- 19 cultivation facility to the point of transfer to a retail
- 20 marijuana store.
- 21 The bill requires retail marijuana products to be
- 22 manufactured and prepared in a facility that only manufactures
- 23 retail marijuana products, except that premises may be shared
- 24 with a medical cannabis-infused products manufacturer so long
- 25 as a virtual or physical separation of inventory is maintained.
- 26 RETAIL MARIJUANA USE PROTECTIONS. The bill prohibits
- 27 the state and its political subdivisions from taking certain
- 28 actions against a person on the basis that the person has
- 29 engaged in conduct allowed by the bill. The state and its
- 30 political subdivisions shall not prosecute a person, deny a
- 31 person a professional license, deny a person a benefit or
- 32 entitlement, deny a person custody or visitation of a child,
- 33 deny a person employment or a contract, or deny a person
- 34 medical care on the basis that the person has engaged in
- 35 conduct allowed by the bill. The bill also prohibits the

- 1 state or a political subdivision from denying employment
 2 or a contract to a person on the basis of a person's prior
 3 conviction of a nonviolent marijuana offense that does not
- 4 involve distribution to a minor. The bill excludes engaging
- 5 in conduct allowed by the bill from being classified as a
- 6 violation of a condition of parole, probation, or pretrial
- 7 release unless there is a specific finding that the conduct
- 8 could create a danger to the individual or another person.
- 9 The bill does not prohibit a governmental employer from
- 10 disciplining an employee or contractor for ingesting marijuana
- 11 at work or working while under the influence of marijuana, nor
- 12 does it prohibit a licensing board from imposing a penalty on a
- 13 person for engaging in conduct that would constitute negligence
- 14 or professional malpractice. The protections of the bill do
- 15 not apply to the extent that they conflict with a governmental
- 16 employer's obligations under federal law or would disqualify
- 17 a governmental employer from a monetary or licensing-related
- 18 benefit under federal law.
- 19 FEES. The bill allows the division to collect and charge
- 20 fees. The bill sets the application fee for a person applying
- 21 for a new retail marijuana establishment license at \$5,000,
- 22 which shall be divided evenly between the division and the
- 23 local jurisdiction where the license is proposed to be issued.
- 24 The bill permits a local jurisdiction to impose operating fees
- 25 on retail marijuana establishments to which it has granted a
- 26 license.
- 27 LICENSE DISCIPLINE. The bill permits the division, on its
- 28 own motion or complaint, and after investigation, notice,
- 29 a public hearing, and opportunity to be heard, to suspend
- 30 or revoke a license if the licensee or any of its agents or
- 31 employees violate a provision of the bill or a rule promulgated
- 32 by the division. The division may administer oaths and issue
- 33 subpoenas to require the presence of persons and the production
- 34 of documents. The division may impose discipline pursuant to
- 35 rules and Code chapter 17A.

1 INSPECTION. The bill requires a licensee to keep a complete 2 set of all records necessary to show fully the business 3 transactions of the licensee, all of which shall be open at all 4 times during business hours for the inspection and examination 5 by the division or its duly authorized representatives. The bill requires the licensed premises of a retail 7 marijuana establishment, including any places of storage 8 where retail marijuana or retail marijuana products are 9 stored, cultivated, sold, dispensed, or tested to be subject 10 to inspection by the state or local jurisdictions and their ll investigators, during all business hours and other times 12 of apparent activity, for the purpose of inspection or 13 investigation. 14 STATE MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX. The bill imposes an excise tax 15 on consumers at the rate of 10 percent of the sale price on 16 each sale of retail marijuana. The tax shall be paid by the 17 consumer to the retail marijuana establishment at the time 18 of sale, and each retail marijuana establishment shall remit 19 the tax collected to the division on the 15th day of each 20 month. Revenues generated by the excise tax shall be deposited 21 in the community reinvestment fund, mental health services 22 and substance use disorder prevention fund, and local public 23 safety fund created in the bill. Moneys in the community 24 reinvestment fund, mental health services and substance use 25 disorder prevention fund, and local public safety fund shall be 26 appropriated by the general assembly for purposes enumerated 27 in the bill. 28 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PROTECTIONS. The bill prohibits a 29 professional or occupational licensing board from imposing 30 discipline on a licensee for providing services related to 31 retail marijuana establishments. The bill also prohibits a 32 professional or occupational licensing board from denying a 33 license to a person based on a person's past employment with a

RULEMAKING. The bill requires the alcoholic beverages

34 retail marijuana establishment.

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1 division of the department of commerce to adopt rules within 2 one year of the effective date of the bill to adopt rules for 3 the implementation of the bill. The rules shall not prohibit 4 the operation of retail marijuana establishments or make 5 the operation of retail marijuana establishments so costly 6 as to be impractical. Required rules include but are not 7 limited to rules relating to applications, fees, licensure, 8 security requirements, labeling requirements, health and 9 safety requirements, restrictions on advertising, cultivation, 10 testing, and penalties. The division shall also develop and 11 regularly update safety materials to be distributed upon the 12 sale of retail marijuana. 13 ACTS PROHIBITED. The bill does not allow the transfer of 14 marijuana to a person under 21 years of age or the possession 15 of marijuana by a person under 21 years of age. 16 PROPERTY RIGHTS. The bill does not require the owner of 17 a property to allow the consumption, cultivation, display, 18 sale, or transfer of marijuana at that property. 19 the case of a residential dwelling, a landlord or property 20 manager shall not prohibit the possession of retail marijuana 21 or medical cannabis or the consumption of retail marijuana 22 or medical cannabis by means other than smoking except under 23 certain circumstances. The bill allows a landlord to take 24 action against a tenant after a warning if the tenant's use of 25 marijuana creates an odor that interferes with the peaceful 26 enjoyment of property by other tenants. The bill prohibits 27 a landlord from discriminating against a tenant or applicant 28 on the basis of a past conviction of a marijuana offense that 29 would have been legal under the bill. 30 LAW ENFORCEMENT. The bill prohibits law enforcement

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31 agencies from expending resources on the investigation of or 32 arrest for activity related to marijuana that is in violation

33 of federal law if the officer performing the investigation 34 or arrest has reason to believe that the activity complies 35 with the requirements of the bill. The bill also prohibits

- 1 an agency or political subdivision of the state from taking
- 2 an adverse action against a person on the sole basis that the
- 3 person has violated a federal law related to marijuana.
- 4 SURCHARGE. The bill allows a county that has not prohibited
- 5 the sale of retail marijuana to impose a 1 percent surcharge
- 6 on the retail sales price of retail marijuana. The surcharge
- 7 shall be administered by the department of revenue and funds
- 8 collected by the department of revenue shall be remitted to
- 9 the county on a quarterly basis. The bill includes additional
- 10 provisions regarding the implementation and operation of retail
- 11 marijuana surcharges.
- 12 DIVISION III MEDICAL CANNABIS. The bill changes the name
- 13 of the medical cannabidiol Act to the medical cannabis Act.
- 14 The bill allows a health care practitioner to certify a
- 15 patient for the use of medical cannabis to a patient for
- 16 any medical condition for which a patient's health care
- 17 practitioner determines the use of medical cannabis could be
- 18 medically beneficial. The bill requires that any certification
- 19 made by a health care practitioner for a patient for a
- 20 debilitating medical condition not explicitly included on
- 21 the list of debilitating medical conditions shall be made by
- 22 a health care practitioner pursuant to reasonable medical
- 23 evidence, in good faith, in the best interest of the patient,
- 24 without fraudulent intent, and with the same reasonable medical
- 25 judgment and prudence exercised according to generally accepted
- 26 medical practice.
- 27 The bill adds pharmacists to the list of health care
- 28 practitioners able to certify a patient to receive a medical
- 29 cannabis registration card. The bill requires a pharmacist to
- 30 complete a training program designated by the board of pharmacy
- 31 prior to certifying a patient to receive a medical cannabis
- 32 registration card.
- 33 The bill lowers the fee to receive a medical cannabis
- 34 registration card from \$25 to \$10 and requires the department

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35 of public health to waive the fee for veterans. The bill

- 1 expands the membership of the medical cannabis board from 8
- 2 to 10 members and adds one member licensed as a physician
- 3 assistant and one member licensed as an advanced practice
- 4 registered nurse.
- 5 The bill allows a medical cannabis manufacturer to
- 6 manufacture edible medical cannabis products. The bill
- 7 prohibits such products from being designed or packaged in
- 8 such a way as would be likely to appeal to children. The bill
- 9 removes the cap on the number of medical cannabis manufacturers
- 10 and dispensaries that may be licensed in this state. The bill
- 11 requires the department to consider demand for medical cannabis
- 12 when licensing a medical cannabis manufacturer or dispensary.
- 13 The bill raises the cap on total tetrahydrocannabinol that
- 14 a patient may receive in a 90-day period from 4.5 grams to 17
- 15 grams.
- 16 The bill requires a medical cannabis dispensary to share
- 17 information regarding the dispensation of medical cannabis to
- 18 a patient with the health care practitioner who certified the
- 19 patient to receive a medical cannabis registration card. The
- 20 bill allows the department to share information regarding the
- 21 purchase of medical cannabis by a patient or primary caregiver
- 22 with the health care practitioner who certified the patient or
- 23 primary caregiver to receive a medical cannabis registration
- 24 card.
- 25 The bill creates standards that a health care practitioner
- 26 must meet in order to provide telemedicine services to
- 27 a patient and defines the start of a provider-patient
- 28 relationship as when a person seeks medical assistance, a
- 29 health care provider agrees to provide treatment, and the
- 30 person agrees to receive treatment. The bill allows a valid
- 31 provider-patient relationship to be formed through an in-person
- 32 encounter, through consultation with another health care
- 33 provider, or through telemedicine, but only if the standard of

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- 34 care does not require an in-person encounter.
- 35 The bill requires the department of health and human

- 1 services to convene a task force of legal experts to assist
- 2 the department in ensuring that educational and long-term care
- 3 facilities that receive federal funding and that allow the use
- 4 and administration of medical cannabidiol on the grounds of the
- 5 facilities do not lose eligibility for federal funding.
- 6 DIVISION IV MEDICAL CANNABIS INCOME TAXES. The bill
- 7 allows individuals and corporations to subtract from net
- 8 income, to the extent included, business expenses for a medical
- 9 cannabis manufacturer or medical cannabis dispensary.
- 10 DIVISION V MEDICAL CANNABIS SALES AND USE TAX. The
- 11 bill exempts sales of medical cannabis products by a medical
- 12 cannabis manufacturer or a medical cannabis dispensary pursuant
- 13 to Code chapter 124E from sales tax.
- 14 DIVISION VI MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL PROGRAM NAME CHANGE TO
- 15 MEDICAL CANNABIS CONFORMING CODE CHANGES. This division
- 16 changes references from "medical cannabidiol" to "medical
- 17 cannabis" throughout the Code.
- 18 DIVISION VII EFFECTIVE DATE. The bill takes effect upon
- 19 enactment, except that the alcoholic beverages division of the
- 20 department of commerce shall not issue a license to operate a
- 21 retail marijuana establishment prior to January 1, 2023.
- 22 DIVISION VIII CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The bill directs
- 23 the Code editor to create two subchapters in new Code chapter
- 24 124F. The first subchapter shall be designated "criminal
- 25 penalties" and the second subchapter shall be designated
- 26 "retail marijuana".